

Student robbed at gunpoint

By Camille Thompson

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A senior male student was held up Thursday between 12:30 and 1 a.m. behind Blow Hall near the graveyard next to Monroe Hall, according to an e-mail sent to the campus community from Vice President for Student Affairs Sam Sadler.

The student “was approached by two men, one of whom produced what was believed to be a black handgun, and was ordered to give his wallet,” Sadler wrote.

The two men then told the student to walk towards Blair Hall without looking back. The student was, however, able to observe the two men as they fled on foot between Old Dominion Hall and Blow Hall and went toward Richmond Road, according to the e-mail.

The two men are described as: a white male, approximately 6 feet tall, 160 pounds, with short blond hair, thinly built

and wearing a gray sweatshirt and blue jeans, and an Asian male, approximately 5’10” tall, 150 lbs, with short black hair and a thin mustache, according to the e-mail.

Sophomore Kevin Davidson saw the victim talking to a dispatcher from an emergency blue light pole near Monroe and Old Dominion Halls.

“The cops were really there within 30 seconds like they advertise,” Davidson said.

The victim called police at approximately 12:55 a.m. according to Sadler.

“We all feel a sense of gratitude, I know, that our student was not also injured,” Sadler said in the e-mail. “The robbery at gun point of a member of this community creates a level of danger we should all take seriously.”

At this time, Director of University Relations Bill Walker said Campus Police may have some leads and he remains hopeful that they will get more information soon.

“It’s not as if this is on the back burner,” he said. “This is very much on the front burner.”

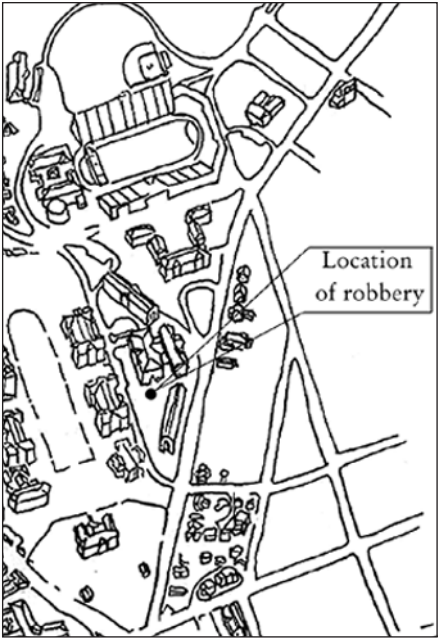
Walker emphasized the importance of Campus Police in this situation.

“It [the investigation] is dependent on the police work,” he said.

The victim went to the Williamsburg Police station Thursday afternoon to help create a composite sketch of the alleged robbers, according to Sadler.

Campus Police had received several leads as of 5 p.m. Thursday, Sadler said, but the information had not produced any significant headway in the investigation.

Sadler said in the e-mail that he encourages anyone with information related to the incident to call Campus Police as soon as possible at x4596.



Stove catches fire in Stith Hall

By Sherman Patrick

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A fire occurred in a kitchen in the basement of Stith Hall, in the Bryan Complex Monday at approximately 8:45 a.m. According to official sources the fire was started by a trash can placed on top of a hot stove. The fire was put out by the Williamsburg Fire Department and damage was minimal. An investigation is currently underway to determine who placed the trash can on the stove and whether or not it was done deliberately.

Campus Police arrived first on the scene after the Bryan Complex fire alarm sounded at 8:53. Sargent Pedro Jones entered the building to ensure all residents had exited and with the help of Officer Doug Hertz and the College’s Fire Safety Officer Robert Johnson, who attempted to control the fire until the

Williamsburg Fire Department arrived.

Students were told to step back from the building when smoke was seen billowing from the basement window. Shortly after, an orange glow could be seen from the window. Jones ordered a student to hold the doors open and smoke was seen inside the stairwell and coming out the door.

“I thought it was just another drill, but then I saw the flames,” sophomore Gregory Musso said.

“[Jones] probably stayed in there longer than he should have, but he was determined,” Johnson said.

The fire department arrived approximately 10 to 20 minutes after the alarm sounded and turned off power to the complex. Once the power was out the firefighters were able to put out the blaze with five fire extinguishers.

“They had masks and air tanks and were able to see what we couldn’t, as well as stay in there longer,” Johnson said.

Residents of Camm, Dawson and Bryan were allowed back into their dorms shortly after the fire was put out, but Madison and Stith residents were held back. Campus Police requested anyone with information to come forward or call the offices. According to the officer, if the College is unable to ascertain what caused the fire, the Commonwealth will be required to send an investigator.

Afterwards Madison residents were allowed to return, and soon after Stith residents were let back into their dorm.

“Everyone was able to return to their rooms that day,” Johnson said. “I think

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Panelists discuss future of Iraq

By Stephen Carley

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The Wendy and Emery Reves Center for International Studies presented four guest speakers who discussed international issues in an event titled “What Next? Winning the Peace in Iraq.” David Dessler, associate professor of government at the College and Director of Academic Programs at the Reeves Center introduced the speakers before their presentation Thursday night in Phi Beta Kappa Hall.

The panel included Lt. Gen. Paul Van Riper, Law Professor Christie Warren, General Anthony Zinni and Admiral Ian Forbes.

Dessler began by telling the audience that when he asked the Reves Center for information to write brief synopses of the panel guests’ careers, he received over 16 pages of accomplishments.

The panel’s discussion began with pre-

pared comments from General Van Riper, who served in the U.S. Marine Corps for over 41 years, including participation in both Vietnam and Desert Storm.

Van Riper’s comments focused on the current military situation in Iraq. In evaluating the efficiency and effectiveness of the ground troops currently occupying Iraq, Van Riper cited precedent from the latter half of the 20th century.

“War is a non-linear phenomenon,” he said. “The enduring nature of war as non-linear is something we often forget.”

Van Riper commented on the number of troops that would be needed to seek out the remaining Iraqi opposition and enforce military rule. Base camps will be set up within a year, but at least 200,000 coalition forces would be required, something which is no longer possible, he said.

Van Riper also said it was a mistake when U.S. military officials planned out

the invasion of Iraq by basing strategy on low-end estimates of Iraq’s military forces.

“There are so many variables in any military action,” he said. “You simply cannot predict the outcome at the outset of any conflict.”

Warren, a faculty member at the Marshall-Wythe School of Law, spoke after Van Riper. According to the Reves Center, Warren has done work around the world to strengthen the tradition of the rule of law among developing countries.

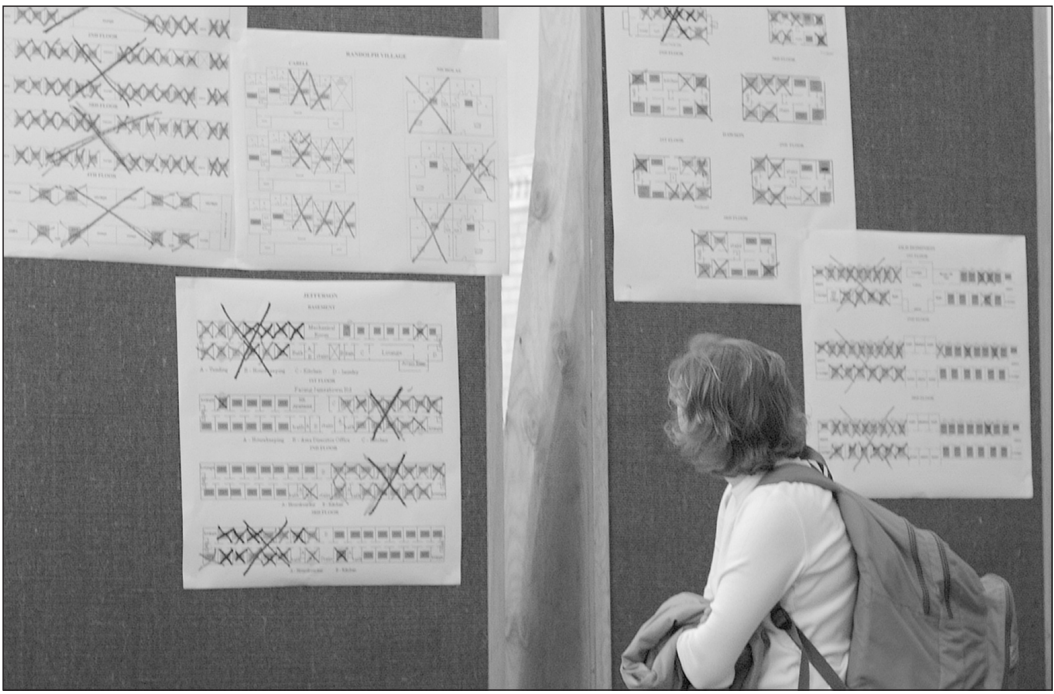
Warren’s prepared comments outlined the requirements for Iraq to re-establish its judicial system following U.S. military involvement. She gave a brief synopsis of the current Iraqi judicial system, saying that it has been totally unavailable to the Iraqi public and devoid of many fundamental rights, including the right to coun-

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2003 HOUSING LOTTERY

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The lottery for the 2003-2004 school year took place last weekend, as many students flooded Trinkle Hall to choose their housing options for next year. This year 3,052 students were enrolled in lottery, with numbers 1-980 going to rising seniors, 981-2050 going to rising juniors and 2051-3052 going to rising sophomores. Bumped students chose rooms at the end of the lottery process if space was available.



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STRONG FINISH

■ The Tribe’s women’s tennis team finished 21-4 for the season, the strongest record in College history. See pg. 13.

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QUOTATION

“To know oneself is not necessarily to improve oneself.”

— Paul Valery

Panelists debate free trade

By Erin Golden

Flat Hat Staff Writer

Speakers representing the three member countries of the North American Free Trade Agreement discussed the agreement's impact in a forum in Small Hall Wednesday.

Donalda MacDonald of the Canadian Union of Public Employees presented the Canadian perspective, focusing on the issue of privatized healthcare.

After an overview of free trade agreements, including NAFTA and the Free Trade Area of the Americas, MacDonald lectured on the damaging effects of current free trade agreements on Canadian citizens.

"At the heart of the battle [over free trade] is the battle between public and private healthcare," MacDonald said. "It is not simply an issue for health care workers. It is everyone's issue: our neighbors, families and friends."

MacDonald cited the privatization of drinking water and healthcare as the chief negative impacts of NAFTA in Canada. Water facilities in some provinces have become privately owned, which MacDonald says has led to an increased burden on citizens whose water bills have doubled.

According to MacDonald, a greater issue is the privatization of Canada's hospitals and healthcare services. The creation of NAFTA has led to legislation regarding privatization of hospitals and MRI clinics, and competitive bidding on home care in several provinces. These changes allow hospitals and other facilities to be accountable to private corporations, rather than governments or communities.

"The concern of Canadian health

care under NAFTA is that it increases the risk of foreign investment claim," MacDonald said. "This may have a profound impact on the entire healthcare system in Canada. Canadians have mobilized against it because they believe that public health care is the clearest reflection of our values, and we are not willing to give it up without a fight."

Victor Quintana, a former Mexican Congressman and member of the Mexican grassroots coalition El Campo No Aguanta Mas was scheduled to speak, but was unable to attend because of a family emergency. MacDonald read portions of Quintana's prepared speech, which focused on NAFTA's effects on Mexican agricultural workers.

"NAFTA was negotiated in an anti-democratic way ... by a handful of big producers who obviously benefited," Quintana wrote in his statement.

Quintana cited the differences in agricultural production between NAFTA's three member countries, highlighting Mexico's position as the country with the smallest amount of agricultural land and access to agricultural technology for workers.

Additionally, NAFTA has caused Mexico to become far more closely linked with other nations in terms of food imports.

"Mexico has spent \$78 billion to buy food abroad, more than all the public departments of the country," Quintana wrote.

The third panelist, representing the United States, was Cheri Honkala, founder and executive director of the Kensington Human Rights Union and a national spokesperson for the Poor People's

Economic Human Rights Campaign.

Honkala focused on the issues surrounding homelessness and poverty, specifically in the Kensington section of Philadelphia. She cited NAFTA as one of the many causes of the declining schools, rampant drug use and growing unemployment in areas like Kensington.

"[Those affected] are people who worked for 25 years of their life and then the factory left town and isn't coming back again," Honkala said.

The Kensington organization has a human rights framework and has used tactics such as sit-ins, marches and the creation of homeless encampments to deliver its message.

"We have to get those most impacted to be involved in the fight," Honkala said. "We build leaders from the ranks of the poor."

Honkala concluded her portion of the discussion by addressing the students in the audience.

"As students, you have a responsibility to the next generation," Honkala said. "Should we allow there to be children on the streets when buildings remain vacant? It is time for us to bring human rights home."

Audience members were given the opportunity to ask questions after the presentations.

"I thought it was informative," sophomore Jill Jackson said of the event. "I didn't know about the water issues in Canada before this."

Jackson also mentioned that the presentation would have been bettered by the opportunity to hear Quintana speak about his concerns in person.

Senate finalizes cabinet choices

By Rachel Scheer

The Flat Hat

The Student Assembly Senate met Wednesday to discuss an executive spending resolution, an amendment to lower the percentage of votes needed to pass an amendment, and to review junior SA President Brian Cannon's nominees for the executive cabinet.

The executive spending resolution required a majority senate vote to pass. The resolution consisted of two main components: that the executive branch would have a spending cap per month and that the executive branch must report all purchases from on and off-campus funds to the senate.

Many of the senators were in favor of the resolution, especially in order to correct past grievances with executive finance abuse. The resolution was tabled for further discussion in upcoming meetings in order to determine the appropriate financial figures in more detail.

An amendment was proposed to decrease the vote needed to pass a constitutional amendment, previously three-fourths of all senators, to two-thirds of all senators. The rationale for such a change was defended by junior Sen. Marc Johnson who said the amendment was modeled after the United States Constitution.

Debate concerning the proposed amendment primarily concerned the fact that, once changed, the voting percentage needed to pass an amendment could potentially pass with the opposition of all graduate student senators. They would therefore require a voting bloc in opposition to a certain amendment in the future.

The amendment was tabled until the next meeting after the opposition to pass the amendment won but

debate ensued.

Cannon presented nominees for the executive cabinet for the positions of Department of Health and Safety, Department of Finance, Department of Student Activities, Department of College Policy and Department of Public Affairs.

The nominee for the Department of Health and Safety was sophomore Kelly Poell. This office will work to increase safety awareness and coordinate programs at the health and recreational centers.

Junior Steve Munich was the nominee for the Department of Finance. This office will manage the budget and review grants awarded to the SA.

Junior Megan Saucier was the nominee for the Department of Student Activities. The office will coordinate all on-campus organizations and events.

The nominee for the Department of College Policy was sophomore Kathryn Floyd. She is currently working with Parking Services as well as extensions of student card-key access on campus.

Junior Jacob Rooksby was the nominee for the Department of Public Affairs, which will represent the SA to groups such as the Board of Visitors, the City Council of Williamsburg and the College administration.

Although there was some debate concerning an overrepresentation of Greek life in the nominees because four of the five nominees are involved in Greek organizations, there was little dissent toward the cabinet nominees. The senate discussed in closed session whether or not to approve Cannon's nominees for the executive cabinet. In open session at the end of the meeting the senate voted and approved all the nominees except Rooksby.

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gle version of any story. He said he ended up with "fragments of semi-surreal situations."

Hart described Ondaatje's biographical background in his introduction.

"He grew up on the island that is now called Sri Lanka, but when he was about 10 he moved to England to live and attend school," Hart said of Ondaatje. "About a decade later he moved to Canada, where he went to college, first in Quebec and later in Ontario. As an English professor, he continued to travel, teaching at universities in Ontario, Hawaii, Rome and California. Now, as a world-renowned writer, he continues to travel, giving readings as far afield as Australia and Williamsburg."

The first excerpt Ondaatje read from "Running in the Family" was about his grandmother.

"She was always full of the passions whether drunk or not," he read.

He told a story about how she

would steal flowers to give to people even in the owner's presence. He also described her experience with a false breast after being the first woman in Sri Lanka to have a mastectomy.

Next he read a section from the memoir describing the only photograph he has of his parents together, taken while they were on their honeymoon. They were posed with humorous looks on their faces and had the photograph made into a postcard with the caption, "What we think of married life," according to Ondaatje.

Next he read from "The English Patient."

"It was the most complicated book to have to explain what the plot was, so thank God for the movie," he said.

"The English Patient" takes place at the end of World War II. The excerpt he read primarily involved the relationship between Hana, a nurse, and Kip, an Indian working for the British to diffuse bombs near the abandoned Italian villa where the two characters are staying.

Part of the scene also included the English patient, a burn victim Hana stays in the villa to treat.

He continued reading prose, next presenting passages from his novel "Anil's Ghost," the story of a forensic anthropologist working in Sri Lanka.

He read two passages, one scene that takes place in the jungle as well as a flashback in Arizona.

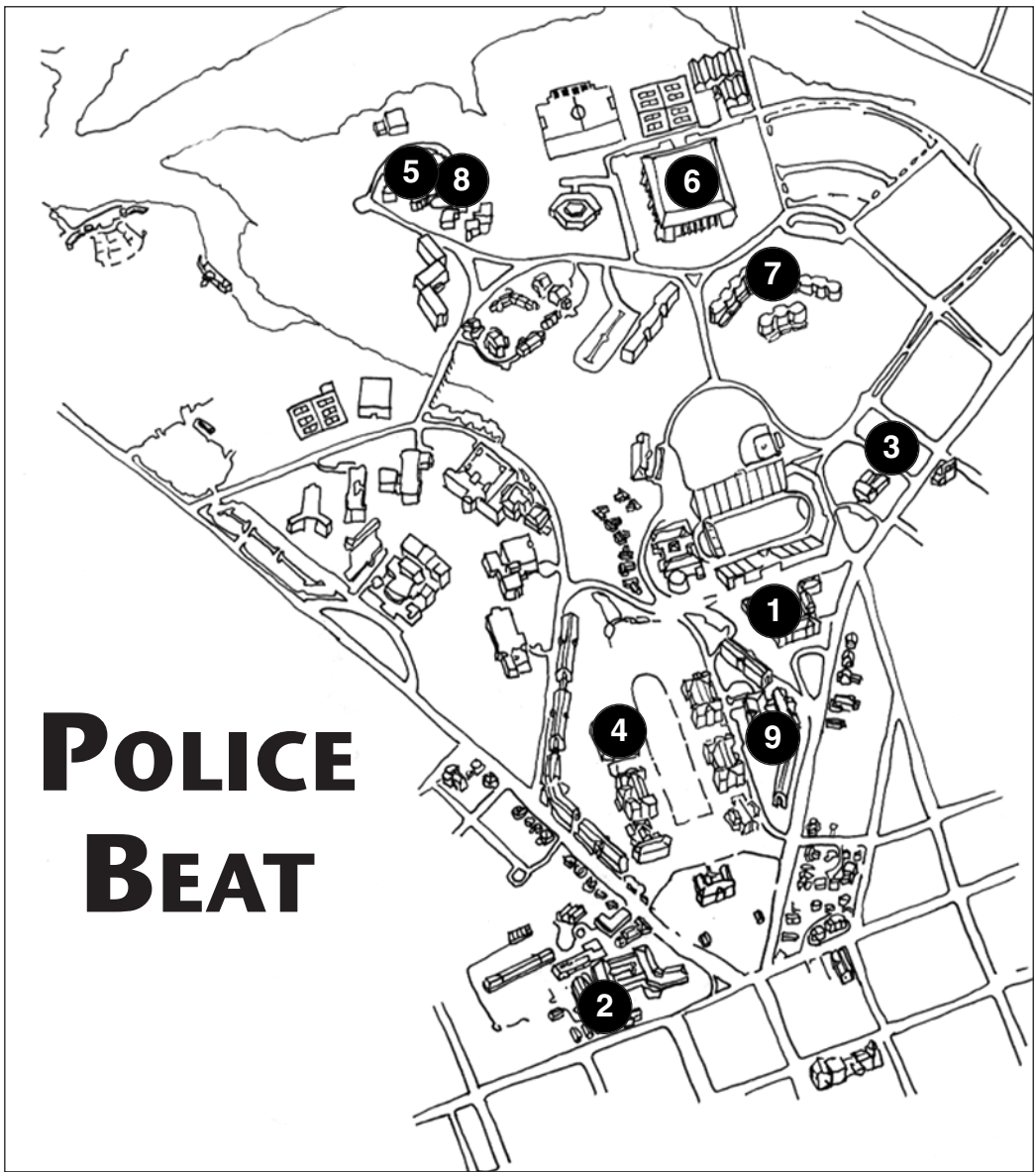
Sophomore Adam Hancock said he liked the rhythm of the reading.

"It was nice how everything seemed to flow," he said. "I liked the way he read."

The reading went well, according to Hart.

"Michael Ondaatje told me several times ... that he was very impressed by the students at the College," he said. "As I drove him back to the hotel Monday night and as I drove him to the airport the next morning, he said, 'That was such an appreciative and respectful audience last night.' And I know from talking to the students that they really did appreciate his visit."

Although no plans have been made yet, Hart said he was considering trying to bring Michael Cunningham, author of "The Hours," to next year's the Patrick Hayes Writers' Festival.



- Friday, April 11 — State property was reportedly vandalized in Madison Hall when a fire extinguisher was discharged. Cost of clean-up and refill of extinguisher was \$125. (1)
- Breaking and entering and grand larceny was reported in Hunt Hall when a student's room was entered and a laptop computer valued at \$2,000 was stolen. (2)
- On Harrison Avenue, vandalism to a student's vehicle was reported. The radio antenna was bent and the right rear taillight was broken, with \$200 in damages. (3)
- Larceny was reported at McGlothlin-Street Hall when a credit card was stolen from an employee's purse. The investigation is ongoing. (4)
- Sunday, April 13 — Vandalism was reported at Gooch Hall when a door lock was damaged. (5)
- A student reported her coat and wallet, with a total value of \$139, stolen from William and

- Mary Hall while attending the King and Queen Ball. (6)
- A student reported vandalism to his vehicle in the fraternity parking lot. The front hood emblem, valued at \$200, was taken. (7)
- In Gooch Hall, it was reported that a student unlawfully entered another student's room, set a pillow on fire and also damaged a pay phone. The student allegedly responsible has been charged. There was no significant value to the pillow and the damage to the pay phone is unknown. (8)
- Monday, April 14 — A non-student was arrested for drunk driving after illegally consuming alcohol.
- Thursday, April 17 — An armed robbery was reported in the area of Blow Hall when a student was robbed of his wallet and \$38 in cash by unknown suspects. (9)

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FIRE

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that's a pretty good sign that things were taken care of pretty well.”

The alarm continued to sound for about 10 minutes after the buildings were re-opened before it was shut off. Later that afternoon the alarm went off again accidentally when discharge from the fire extinguisher reached the smoke detector during the clean-up process.

The City of Williamsburg's fire safety inspector James Humphrey arrived with the fire department. Humphrey said that the fire was started by an empty plastic trash-can that was placed on a hot burner on the stove. Plastic burns at a temperature of around 600 degrees Fahrenheit.

“At this point in the investigation it appears that the fire appears to have been intentional,” Humphrey said.

Johnson and campus police used the unburned half of the trash-can to see if the range could be turned on by accident if the can bumped the heat knob.

“There was no way it could have happened,” Johnson said. “The burner either had to be already on or had to be turned on later.”

The stove was located in a small alcove in the Stith basement and had a glass stovetop with the heating coils underneath. According to Johnson, when the burner was on it glowed visibly. The can was found on the back left burner. No students or staff members reported seeing anyone use the kitchen around the time of the fire.

“No one has called yet with tips, but I wish they would,” Humphrey said. “Even if it was an accident, no charges are filed and then we know what happened.”

Director of University Relations Bill Walker said that no extra efforts were being made to assess campus fire safety standards.

“We're always checking up on fire safety,” Walker said. “The Trinkle [Hall] fire was caused by a malfunctioning air conditioning unit and the Stith fire appears to be an accident. There's nothing systemic about on-campus fires.”

Walker was unable to recall the Aug. 24 electrical fire in the basement of Dupont Hall.

Several bystanding student residents of Madison expressed concern over what would have happened if the fire had spread to the stairwell. The students noted that with only one stairwell it would be difficult for residents to evacuate the hall.

Johnson said that this was never a danger. Smoke damage, however, was a concern. As part of the ongoing renovation of the Bryan Complex magnetic doors are being installed so that when the fire alarm is sounded they are closed.

“Since currently in Stith the doors are propped there was a door open on the second floor,” Johnson said. “The rest of the building remained smoke free but that hallway got some [smoke in it].”

Johnson also said that he ensures fire extinguishers are regularly switched out for fresh ones.

According to Johnson there will be no charge to residents of the complex because the College pays when fire extinguishers are used on fires.

IRAQ

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cil or due process.

“The judiciary has been corrupt and subject to a variety of monetary and political influences,” Warren said. “But there is a thirst for the rule of law.”

According to Warren, the current Iraq constitution is deceptive and perverted, highly favoring Saddam Hussein's regime. In order to reform Iraq's government, the people will require a healthy and transparent legal system, a unified judiciary, the restoration of order, war crimes tribunals and democratic elections, she said.

Zinni, spoke next, first describing the fundamental differences between the U.S. and Middle East perceptions of the war.

“Those in the region saw a very different version of the war than we saw,” he said. “For example, the motive for this war was unclear to them.”

According to Zinni, al-Jazeera television is partially responsible for affecting opinion in the region. Although they neither bought into the idea of Hussien's threat to outsiders nor his connections with al-Qaeda, Zinni said, there was no great sadness to see Hussein go.

“No one in the region shed a tear over Saddam,” he said. “He was a cancer on the region.”

He also suggested that the top priorities for the surrounding countries were uniform. According to Zinni, the peace process in Middle East is the most important to them, followed by the threat of extremism. They believe it is a religious, social, or econom-



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LEFT TO RIGHT: Panelists Lt. Gen. Paul Van Riper, professor Christie Warren, moderator David Dessler, panelists Gen. Anthony Zinni and Admiral Ian Forbes participate in last night's forum on the future of Iraq.

ic problem that causes terrorism, and they want to attack it at that level, he said.

“Their biggest fear is, however, that we may continue this military march elsewhere, into Syria or someplace else,” Zinni said.

The final speaker was Forbes, who currently serves as the NATO's Supreme Allied Commander Atlantic.

Forbes spoke about the global politics of the current crisis, citing the importance of the United Nations, the European Union and NATO in the Iraq conflict. He stressed that U.N. involvement in the process of reconstruction would give the occupation long-term legitimacy.

“Bad people and bad memories do not just go away,” he said. “There are limits to the ability of war crimes tribunals to bring about reconciliation.”

Forbes instead placed emphasis on international cooperation, saying that the United Nations must be more than a rubber-stamping organization. He admitted that U.N. involvement will be limited at the beginning, but that the global roles of the EU and NATO are just beginning to develop.

After the speakers had finished, Dessler directed the audience, consisting of community members, students and faculty of the College, to come forward and ask questions. Many of these focused on subjects similar to those covered by the panel's prepared comments.

A student asked the panel if the forced implantation of western ideas would be detrimental to the Iraqi people and government. Warren suggested that it would be wrong to tell them what to do, but said there will be legal advisors during the reconstruction period.

Zinni also said that the western perception of Iraq was misguided; the population is more prosperous, more educated and more economically astute than most Americans

believe.

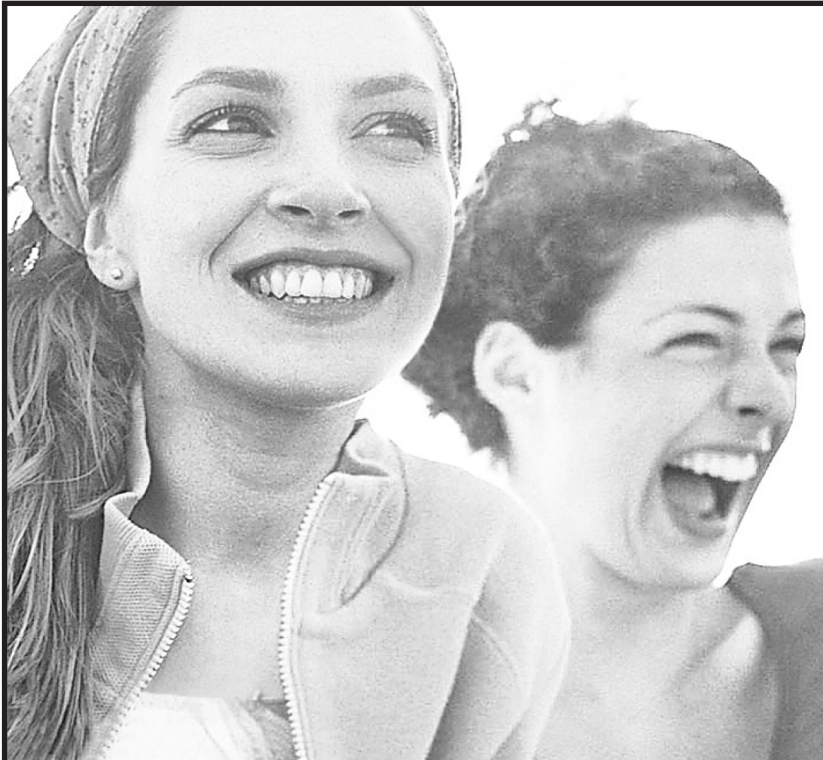
Zinni said the panel discussion was a great format and that the questions asked were excellent.

“There was a great turnout,” he said. “It was especially nice to see a bunch of my students show up and participate.”

Sophomore Mark Thomas praised the event, citing the variety of topics covered.

“It would have been nice to hear from some people in power,” Thomas said. “None of the panelists are actually in official positions, except Admiral Forbes, but it was nice to hear the opinions of this distinguished panel.”

A recording of the entire event is scheduled for broadcast on C-SPAN today.



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(U-WIRE) BLACKSBURG, Va. — Second Lieutenant Jeffrey J. Kaylor, a 2001 graduate of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute Corps of Cadets, was killed Monday in a grenade attack in Iraq. Kaylor, 24, was the fourth Virginia soldier and the first Tech alumnus to be killed in the war.

“He was a really good guy, a strong character and a real positive sphere of influence,” Capt. Evan Sommerfeld, executive officer of the corps, said.

Deputy Commandant Col. Ed Schwabe said Kaylor started his career in the corps of cadets in August 1998 when he transferred to Tech from Radford University before his sophomore year. When he arrived at Tech, he was placed in the 1st Battalion C Company from which Col. Rock Roszak, corps officer and faculty advisor of Kaylor’s fraternity, said he demonstrated outstanding traits as a cadet.

“He was always a cadet in good standing,” Roszak said. “He was the kind of guy you’d like to have as a friend.”

Sommerfeld, who was in Kaylor’s battalion, said Kaylor was a strong character and a fun-loving guy. “He always had a smile on his face,” he said.

During his time in the corps, Kaylor was the battalion commander of the army ROTC attachment, and was first sergeant his senior year. In addition to being active in the corps, Kaylor was also a member of the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity. ...

Schwabe said Kaylor was commissioned as a field artillery officer immediately after graduation and continued to Fort Hill, Okla., for artillery school. After completion, Kaylor was assigned to the 3rd Infantry Division at Fort Stewart in Georgia, Schwabe said. ...

Kaylor was from Clifton, Va., where he lived with his wife, Jenna Cosbey, also a Tech graduate and former cadet. She was also on tour in the Middle East partaking in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Kelly van Veldhuizen, regiment executive officer and friend of Kaylor’s family, said a midnight vigil Tuesday night on campus was planned.

— By Tiffany Hoffman, The Collegiate Times (Virginia Tech)

U.S. COURT FAVORS COLLEGE NEWSPAPERS

(U-WIRE) DEKALB, Ill. — In a victory for public college and university newspapers, the U.S. Court of Appeals decided that administrators cannot censor student-run newspapers.

The case arose in 2001 when editors of the Innovator, Governors State University’s student newspaper, decided to sue the Dean of Student Affairs Patricia Carter for censoring the newspaper.

The decision, which wasn’t expected until mid-summer, doesn’t support the state of Illinois’ request to apply a ruling in a similar case involving high school publications.

In 1988, the U.S. Supreme Court granted administrators in the Hazelwood School District authority to review and censor its high school sponsored newspapers. The state of Illinois was looking for this decision to be applied to public college and university students, but had been unsuccessful so far.

“It’s a wonderful victory,” Mike Hiestand, attorney for the Student Press Law Center said. “It could have been a devastating defeat, but luckily it went the other way.” ...

Mark Goodman, executive director of the Student Press Law Center, said he hopes this decision reaffirms the last 30 years of college censorship cases.

“We hope that this ruling will dissuade, once and for all, college officials who are inclined to censor from engaging in that unconstitutional behavior,” Goodman said.

In its ruling, the Court said, “... Hazelwood’s [a previous case] rationale for limiting the First Amendment rights of high school journalism students is not a good fit for students at colleges or universities.”

The decision went on to state that the differences between college and high school newspapers are far greater than differences in curriculum and extra-curriculars.

Carter, who looked for qualified immunity in the case, was denied. The court denied her request on the notion that if her action to censor the Innovator is true, then “she violated clear rights, of which she should have been aware.” ...

“Other courts that are faced with this question are going to look at this decision,” Hiestand said. “The students won big time today, but the case is ongoing. I think it’s just a matter of formality now.”

— By Mark Bieganski, Northern Star (Northern Illinois U.)

— Compiled by Camille Thompson

World Beat: Iraq

Bush urges end to sanctions

By Aaron Weiner

The Flat Hat

As the war in Iraq winds down, U.S. soldiers continue their attempts to reign in disorder and restore public services, according to the April 16 edition of The Washington Post. Additionally, President George W. Bush made overtures concerning Iraq’s future and asked the U.N. Security Council to lift the economic sanctions imposed upon the country since the 1991 Persian Gulf War, according to the report.

With Saddam Hussein and his government deposed, removal of the sanctions would allow the new government, whatever form it may take, to export oil without restrictions and trade freely on world markets, Bush said, according to the Post.

According to the April 16 BBC Online, a spokesman for the White House announced that it would soon introduce a resolution to allow normal trade to resume. Until now, the only legal trading that has occurred has been an Oil-for-Aid humanitarian program through the United Nations that allowed Iraq to trade oil for basic goods.

While it was generally expected that sanctions would be lifted eventually, the speed with which the White House proposed its end has surprised some analysts. Jon Leyne of the BBC said that this could be the first step in a new fight in the Security Council, which controls Iraq’s oil. This includes possible opposition from other Council members.

In addition, from the BBC Online, Scott McLellan, a spokesman travelling with Bush, said, “We need transition ... as soon as possible and to help restore a normal trading relation-

- **PLAYERS:** U.S. President George W. Bush, the U.N. Security Council
- **HISTORY:** Iraq has been under economic sanctions imposed by the Security Council since 1991’s Persian Gulf War.
- **CURRENT SITUATION:** Bush asked the Security Council to lift the sanctions to allow the new Iraqi government fewer trade restrictions.
- **OUTLOOK:** Although most expected sanctions would be lifted eventually, some diplomats predict tough negotiations considering the speed of Bush’s request.



ship with the global economy.”

However diplomats at the United Nations predict a tough round of negotiations in the Security Council if the United States pushes for the lifting of sanctions.

Before they can be lifted or suspended, the question of whether Iraq still has weapons of mass destruction will have to be answered, Council diplomats say. Iraq’s demonstration that it is free of such weapons forms a central part of the existing U.N. resolutions. The U.N. weapons inspectors, however, were withdrawn from Iraq ahead of the U.S.-led military intervention, the BBC report said.

Although statistics are greatly varied among humanitarian watchdog organizations, various reports blame the trade sanctions against Iraq, in conjunction with the repressive tactics of the Iraqi regime, for the death of thousands of Iraqi civilians from starvation, poverty and inadequate access to proper medical treatment.

Several of these reports, available on the U.N. website, come

from within the United Nations itself.

Meanwhile, U.S. soldiers in Iraq still face a great deal of danger as they attempt to move from a mission of invasion to one of peacekeeping. Pockets of strong violence and resistance linger within Baghdad itself.

According to the April 16 edition of The Washington Post Online, sections of Baghdad remain out of the control of coalition forces, and bursts of gun violence have led to several civilian deaths.

Also from The Washington Post Online, representatives of the European Union, at a meeting in Athens, discussed sending troops for a peacekeeping force.

“There is a desperate need for stabilization forces in Iraq, here and now,” Danish Prime Minister Anders Rasmussen told reporters at the meeting. “We cannot wait for a U.N. resolution.”

On the domestic front, the White House website announced that the terror level has been moved from Orange, or “High,” to Yellow, or “Elevated.”



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OPINIONS

RECENT FIRES IGNITE ISSUES

We didn't start the fire, we swear. Nevertheless, lately it feels like the campus has been hearing those fire alarms far too often. Even worse, in spite of all these relatively minor warnings, it is still easy to point out fire code violations, and many of us are guilty. College students often plug extension cords into surge protectors, leave burnt food in the bottom of a dirty oven, have halogen lamps or even smoke inside. These hazards could easily cause another late night evacuation at the College, and perhaps for more a serious situation in the future.

Those in charge have done much to keep students safe from potential threats. With each renovation, buildings become more and more up-to-date with current standards of fire safety. Better fire doors, more clearly marked exits, wider hallways: all are evident in the newer interiors. According to Facilities Management Fire Safety Officer Robert Johnson, all parts of the College are inspected — the state requires annual fire marshal inspections and Johnson himself does similar inspections more often than that.

Johnson maintains that every building meets state fire code regulations — even the seemingly overstuffed Millington 150. Although in an older building, this large lecture hall meets the codes of when it was built: the late 1960s, according to the College's website.

What else does the school do to keep students safe from these hazards? According to Director of Residence Life Deb Boykin, Johnson, once a fire marshal himself, trains the Residence Assistants every fall to prepare them for any possibility. Johnson teaches them the importance of an empty hallway and why the fire doors must stay closed, he shows them where exits are and teaches each RA to use a fire extinguisher properly.

What no one guarantees is that these RAs then pass their knowledge on to their residents. They are supposed to do this, but it is often an issue quickly skimmed over. The College has a well-trained RA staff and this is a resource for students that should be used more frequently, especially when it comes to safety.

Possibly even worse than setting off an alarm is sleeping through or even ignoring one. Most stu-

dents have had that moment where they have doubted the urgency of vacating a dormitory when that alarm sounds. But the newer alarms, such as Swem Library's, sound much louder thus making them almost impossible to ignore. Such updates to the College's equipment are important for the future.

The state requires an annual fire marshal inspection, according to Johnson. Once the marshal has located a potential problem that location gets written up and it must be re-inspected within 30 days. Yet several Editorial Board members could think of examples of where the fire marshal had never followed up, even after having found such hazards as illegal curtains and extension cords. Plus, inspectors tend not to see violations hidden behind desks or futons.

Obvious spots to start replacing possibly dangerous equipment are dorm kitchens. Old cooking supplies and dirty, cluttered spaces are common and can't help to keep students safe. It is also important to enforce rules already in place — those against lit candles, for example. Even though fire related deaths are on the decline since 1980, according to The United States Consumer Product Safety Commission, candle-related fires are on the rise. Students at the College are not allowed to have candles in their dorm rooms, yet RAs are often sympathetic and they are easily hidden during inspection time. This is really a rule students themselves must adhere to for their own safety.

If candles are not allowed to burn in dorms, cigarettes should also be banned. Residence halls are filled with flammable things, from bed sheets to paper and a lit cigarette is just the thing to ignite a blaze.

Despite two electrical fires this school year (Aug. 25 in Dupont Hall and April 7 in Trinkle Hall) the College has no plans to look for other potential hazards. According to Johnson, the fire in Trinkle was an isolated incident, possibly from faulty or old wiring. Could similar potentially hazardous wires be found before future fires, rather than after?

We've been lucky so far, but the last several incidents must serve as a warning for the College community.

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Flyers place unwarranted guilt on campus drivers

Like any other driver on campus, I live in constant fear that parking regulations will spontaneously break into a game of musical chairs, and I'll get slapped with a fine roughly equal to my weekly paycheck. Imagine my combined shock, irritation and bewilderment, then, when I left work a few weeks ago and saw the telltale white flag clipped under my windshield wiper. OK, maybe my rear bumper was in the no-parking zone, but surely Parking Services couldn't be that anal.

I was right; Parking Services wasn't quite that nitpicky, or maybe they just didn't see me, but apparently the thought police who relentlessly patrol Williamsburg were up to the anal-retentive challenge. The flyer on my car, mocked up to look like a parking citation, found me "guilty" on all counts.

My crime? Owning a vehicle that I could afford to buy and insure without putting myself into debt and a vehicle that allows me to transport all my worldly possessions back and forth from Williamsburg. My crime was owning a mostly reliable vehicle that surpasses all state emissions standards. Apparently now it's criminal to own an SUV.

Bear in mind that the term covers a lot of ground. My "SUV" happens to be an '87 Chevy Blazer that I bought fourth-hand, not one of those land-ship Escalades. It gets better mileage than a Volvo station wagon and burns cleaner than most other cars its age. Plus, despite the Williamsburg heat, my car lacks an air conditioning system, which means no Freon and no CFCs released into the atmosphere. My brakes are fully functional. Go stand in a crosswalk, I'll show you.

Another point on my "citation" supposed I "think that gas will be cheap and available forever." \$1.70 for midgrade isn't cheap. As for available, I know as well as the next person, that this country is engaged in a war

in an area of the world that produces a great deal of fuel oil. Does that mean I can spare the time and money to take the train home rather than drive? No, it doesn't.

Most importantly, my SUV is mine, and the price was right when I was shopping for wheels. I didn't have the luxury of starry-eyed tree-hugging last summer. Would I rather be driving a fully equipped 2003 Passat? Sure, in theory, but the reality is that I drive and love my big, clean, fuel-efficient SUV, and when four people need a ride home from work, I'm very proud of that fact.

Frankly, I've about had it with the pushy, self-righteous folks wallpapering this campus with flyers telling me how to think, what to support and now, what not to drive. I'm fed up with the junk mail trying to browbeat me into listening to some former missionary and exhorting me to "come meet God." Thanks, I know where God is. We have an understanding. Now leave me alone.

I'm thoroughly sick of hearing that every page of my former print quota was destroying the rain forest, and that every tank of gas or quart of oil I put in my

car is robbing my theoretical grandchildren of their planet. No, actually, I wasn't thinking of future generations when I bought my SUV. I'm okay with that.

I'm tired of every other piece of mail or hallway posting telling me that I'm a terrible person who's selfishly destroying the world, my immortal soul, thousands of starving children in Kazakhstan or all three. Leave me alone, thought police. Go bother Congress. Do your tree-hugging where it'll make a difference, not where it'll waste more paper and panic me. I'll keep my opinions to myself; you do the same, and we'll all be happy.

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All-nighters: tool to benefit every student

As you get on in your years here at the College, you will find that sooner or later, no matter how much you plan, you will have to pull an all-nighter. As the freshmen in particular must have noticed by now, the work quantity and expectations of quality have risen quite a bit from high school. With the additional time requirements, along with all of the activities, sometimes it's necessary to work all night long. When it comes down to it, it's important to get your work in on time, and all-nighters can be a useful strategic tool to achieve that end. This column shouldn't serve as a "how-to pull an all-nighter," but rather a listing of things that have helped me through many long, dreary work-filled nights.

If you are to stay awake and be productive, there are a number of things you should take into account: goals, location and provisions. When you are behind in your work and have a lot to do, making a prioritized list can save you a lot of time. Rather than haphazardly working, it is better to be focused and organized when you aren't sleeping, because as it gets later, you might forget some necessary components. Planning for 10 minutes can save you an hour.

For many of us, myself included, dorm rooms are not the best environments for productivity. With roommates, MP3s, the AOL Instant Messenger and most notably the proximity to your bed, your room is perhaps the worst place for you to spend your all-nighter. I have had the best luck with computer labs — they're quiet, relatively close and very, very bright. Lighting is a very important component of staying awake — if you end up in your room working by a small desk lamp while your roommate blissfully slumbers next to you, tiredness will catch you more quickly than if you are in a well-lit room.

What follows will be a list of terribly important items you will need if you're going to make it. Food is

paramount. My stomach has an infallible internal clock — at 2 a.m. my stomach begins to eat itself. That is about the best description I can give; it isn't a normal hungry feeling, more of a destructive painful experience. I have found however that eating makes it go away. Pretzels or dry, bready things are preferred because they're filling and not really messy. That said, caffeine is your friend — it is as much a tool as pulling an all-nighter is.

Among the non-cestibles you should have are glasses, music and comfortable clothing. If you enjoy wearing contact lenses, I can guarantee that you will not enjoy wearing them at 3:30 a.m. — blinking becomes a very painful enterprise. Calming, quiet music will also make your all-night experience a little bit more tolerable. You want to keep from getting stressed out by any means necessary, so hardcore punk or death-metal might not be the best choices in late-night music. The last among the non-edible necessities is comfortable clothing. Just about anything can get uncomfortable at 5 a.m., so pajama pants or baggy jeans are usually a good bet.

All right, so after the work is finished and it's 7 a.m. — let's just say you have a 9 a.m. class. Go back to your room, take a shower and get breakfast. Eating will help you stay awake in class. As with the late night snacks, you should stay away from greasy thick foods (as much as you may love them). Coffee or tea is key — even if you don't usually drink caffeine in the morning, you'll need it.

Finally, respect your professors and get the work done, in an acceptable condition, on time. They have to do as much work as their students, and you should be mindful of that. Along the same vein, falling asleep in class is unacceptable. It is about the most disrespectful thing you can do — skipping class to sleep is not nearly as bad as sleeping in class (if it happens often you should rethink the way you're doing things).

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Advantages of living on third floor outweigh costs

I like change. In fact, that's one of the many things I have in common with my roommate. One of the results of this is that in the past two years our rooms have undergone no less than seven massive furniture renovations. It's not because we get bored easily. Well, maybe it is, but can you blame us for wanting to change things up a bit?

This latest time around, we decided to debunk the beds, and being the strong-headed women we are, we wanted to do it ourselves. So, as we struggled to lift the frame and mattress above our heads, and lower it as softly as we could, I couldn't help but feel sorry for the people living beneath us. With all

the thumping and bumping we do, they must hate us with a passion. Unfortunately, we have no way of knowing how much of our noise they really hear since for the past two years we've had both the fortune and misfortune of living on the third floor. When I first moved into Yates my freshman year, I didn't care where I was living; as long as it was away from home, I was happy. As the year wore on, however, I came to appreciate the many perks that came with living on the third floor. First of all, it's a lot quieter. Nobody wants to walk up that extra flight of stairs unless they have to, so we get a lot less foot traffic. On the weekends we also get a lot fewer random people walking by our room lost or in a drunken stupor. Also contributing to the serenity is the

fact that we don't have people like us living above us. That means no loud music, no room rearranging and no one with early classes jumping out of their bunk at 7 a.m. So, if we hear noises above us, we know they shouldn't be there, and we promptly call the exterminator. Secondly, on a more serious note, it's safer. With the multiple reports of peeping toms and break-ins last year, we were glad that someone would need a three-story ladder to reach our window. Additionally, since everyone roaming the third floor halls generally live their, I can tell who belongs there and who is out of place. Of course, there are drawbacks. Both my roommate and I were athletes in high school and when we first moved in we were in prime condition to hike up three

flights of stairs, but as our varsity days slipped away, so did our stamina. Now, by the time we reach the second floor, we're gasping for breath. Our daily climb gives us our workout for the day, but on bad days, it's a struggle. More than once, my roommate has come into our room grumbling about how she got funny looks when got off on the second floor by accident. Another down side is that hot air rises, and once they turn off the air-conditioning there's nothing we can do to escape it. It could be 60 degrees outside and we'll be sleeping in our tank tops and shorts with the window open. We also have a pile of cloths about six feet deep laying in our hamper since the washers are in the basement on the opposite side of the building and neither one of us wants to admit it's

our turn to do laundry. Smoke rises too, so if anyone in the build burns popcorn, you'll know about it. Not to mention, you're the last one out of the building in case of a fire. So, with all this stacked against it, this year we decided to swear off the third floor forever. Come lottery day, however, as we watched the rooms we wanted on Chandler first and second floor slowly get checked off the list, we weighed the cost once more. Next thing I knew, I was next to a runner uttering the words "third floor, please" and low and behold, for the third year in a row we will have a lovely view of the campus. Good luck getting my parents to help me move in. Elizabeth Irwin is the Opinions Editor. Her views do not necessarily represent those of The Flat Hat.

Media inflating SARS threat

If you care about what else is going on in the world besides the war in Iraq, then you've probably heard about Sudden Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS). Lately it has appeared with increasing frequency on the front page of the newspaper, and this writer is left asking, why.

The College, along with many other institutions in Virginia, is considering cancellation of its near-term programs in China and other parts of South and East Asia. This amounts to nothing short of paranoia. Everyone can pretty much agree that study abroad is an important part of a college experience. An increasing number of students go abroad each year, and Asia, particularly China, is one of the fastest growing locations in terms of popularity. Until now, we have gone to Asia to study because the benefits far outweigh the risks. Although SARS is relatively new, the threat of getting a disease in Asia has always been considerably higher than in the United States. According to the Center for Disease Control, you are more likely to contract dengue fever, filariasis, encephalitis, leishmaniasis and even the plague than you are to get SARS. These risks

have all been acceptable for many years and somehow SARS is not? Though it is hard to pin down the exact number, thus far according to the April 8 edition of The New York Times, there have been about 3,000 cases of SARS world-wide, and 150 people have died of it. Sounds awful doesn't it? Actually, it helps to step back and gain a little perspective. Every year 3,000 Americans die of influenza. Is that making the newspapers the way SARS does? Of course not. As one writer in the April 8 edition of the New York Times said, "Disease threats make big stories, so the news media have focused on the day-to-day progress of the illness and tend to lose perspective." Should we be angry about this? I think people around the world have the right to be. Airlines are losing millions of dollars; Asia is hurting economically, and no one wants to go there. The media portrays the continent as some disease-infested backwater, where there is no medical attention for the afflicted. In the meantime, our parents believe this because they trust their news sources. They call the College, and the College starts cutting programs. Thank you,

overzealous news media. You just made my year. I would appreciate it if the news would deliver more facts on the front page and reserve its opinions for the editorials. All of this panicky news has prompted the College to convene a committee-meeting to debate cancellation of some of our programs in Asia. At this point, the committee's decision remains to be seen, but it is likely that the College will ultimately bend to the will of overly concerned parents. Most of them do pay the bills after all. With the University of Virginia and Virginia Polytechnic Institute having already cancelled their programs for this summer, there is a certain feeling that the College should follow suit. This is one case in which the College should realize that prudence does not necessarily mean we must take a stance of extreme caution. We would certainly not be the only college that intends to send students to Asia this summer. We should exercise our own ability to interpret the news and realize that SARS is a minor threat. It does not warrant cancellation of our well-respected programs. Matt Huster is a guest columnist. His views do not necessarily represent those of The Flat Hat.

Letters to the Editor

Barksdale dorm: only alternative To the Editor:

I am writing to express my disappointment after reading The Flat Hat's second editorial discouraging the Board of Visitors from building a new residence hall on Barksdale Field. In representing the sophomore class in the Student Assembly this year, I can assure you that there isn't a more pressing concern than moving students out of the Dillard Complex. The proposed residence hall on a portion of Barksdale Field has a lot to offer the College. This state of the art dorm situated between Old and New Campuses would immediately become one of the most popular lottery choices for upperclassmen. This would allow traditionally junior and senior areas to house sophomores, thus keeping all students out of Dillard. The Flat Hat editorial mentioned that future generations of students would lose the ability to enjoy Barksdale Field. This is simply not true; approximately half of the current field would be preserved in the proposal approved by the Board. This will allow Barksdale to remain a critical green space for campus activity. The portion of the field where the dorm would be built is right along Landrum Drive; leaving the part traditionally used for soccer, lacrosse and frisbee unaffected. Unfortunately, the other sites mentioned create more problems than solutions. The plans behind Dupont and Botetourt would inflict significant damage to the environment, while the Yates parking lot would destroy 148 day-student spots, according to Associate Director and Transportation Manager of Auxiliary Services Mark Gettys, and place over 1,000 students in uncomfortably close quarters. To learn more, read the independent study commissioned by the College to look at possible locations, which is available in Vice President Sadler's office. It shows how much of Barksdale would be retained, as well as the negative aspects of the other proposed locations. We need to get students back on campus and out of Dillard, and the proposed residence hall on Barksdale Field offers us the best way to do that. It's critical that the Board maintains its resolve to go ahead with the plan before another class is relegated to riding the busses to class each day. — Ned Rice Class of '05

Dorm expands housing options To the Editor:

As we were waiting in line, there it went. The last Ludwell quad was gone quickly forcing my roommates and I to come up with new solutions. While perhaps not the most strenuous of circumstances, the recent lottery process reminds everyone of the importance of finding that spot on campus to remain, like 75 percent of other students, a part of the housing community. Over this past semester, there has been much discussion about the construction of a new dorm on the corner of Barksdale field. While some are discontent with this decision, this past weekend's circus, that we call lottery, has reminded me of the fundamental importance of having as much on-campus housing as possible. No student enjoys being relegated out to the Dillard Complex when there is the possibility of all students remaining on campus. For the simple fact that students would no longer have to live out in Dillard, I would be in favor of a new facility on Barksdale. Additionally, a new dorm built in the old campus architecture is particularly suited to be located beside Barksdale field because it is the start of the larger project to convert new campus to look more like old campus. While a multitude of construction and renovation projects will accomplish this, the new dorm on Barksdale is the first phase to a more unified campus. While some argue that this new dorm could be located in a different vicinity so as not to destroy the openness of Barksdale, a good portion of the field will remain intact even with the facility. Beyond the aesthetic appeal that this new facility will add, the corner of Landrum Drive and Jamestown Road was deemed the best site for construction based on the necessary size for a replacement facility for the Dillard Complex as well as the advantageous proximity to academic buildings. While I respect the opinions of individuals

not wishing to see Barksdale be touched, I believe that the benefits of expanded on-campus housing and connecting New and Old Campus greatly outweigh the cost. — Kirk Anderson Class of '04

Activism can save Barksdale To the Editor:

You have the power to save a campus treasure. I'm calling on all students and faculty who have ever enjoyed Barksdale field, whether as an athlete, or for studying, or for appreciation of the beautiful green space or simply to lie out and gaze up at the stars. Our College's Board of Visitors has passed a motion to eliminate 70 percent of Barksdale field, first with two dormitories, and later with two other proposed buildings. There are better sites for these buildings than Barksdale. Though Paul Jost, a Senatorial candidate and member of the BOV, has decided to ask the Board to reconsider by saying "had I known [that so many people opposed the Barksdale plan], I certainly would not have voted for it." Other members of the Board still believe that students, professors and alumni overwhelmingly support the plans. Let's bring students back from Dillard, but without destroying Barksdale. Recreation and aesthetic beauty are an important part of the College experience; and sunbathing on the roof just wouldn't be the same as enjoying a beautiful grass field. We must show up in significant numbers to help save the precious green space that is Barksdale Field. It's simple, it's easy, it will probably be an exciting meeting (better than TV) and it will make a real difference. — Daniel A. Shaye, D.C. Class of '90

Troops fighting for freedom To the Editor:

Despite Michael Ruff's vehement assertions to the contrary, those who oppose the war do not wish to see American civilians die in terrorist attacks. We will not be called terrorists. The fear of attack from a country, which both the Defense Department and CIA agree with does not meet the threshold of "clear and present danger" April 10, 2002, WMD Acquisition. Inciting fear for political aim, as the author is so inclined to do, is the same thing terrorists did Sept. 11, 2001. We don't call him a terrorist, but we have no doubt that words like his would be more fit better in a military-police state than a pluralist democracy. In recent weeks, the neo-conservative Bush Administration has been questioning the patriotism of those who question the war, including Sen. John Kerry. To use his own words, "I refuse to have my patriotism or right to speak out questioned. I fought for and earned my right to speak out in this country." Unlike many of his critics, Kerry has worn the uniform, served his country, seen combat, so he would just as soon skip lectures about patriotism. Kerry fought for my right to speak out too, and we would just as soon skip the author's lectures as well. We were very conflicted over the necessity and prudence of this war. Yet even if we were wholeheartedly against it, we would feel it necessary to support its successful conclusion. There is an important distinction between opposing the decision to go to war and wishing for us to lose it. If supporting this war would have put us in the same camp with the likes the author, we are glad we aren't there. The greatest tragedy is the author goes one step further than not supporting the war, or even one step further than not supporting our troops. The column questions what our troops are fighting for: freedom. — Dheeraj Jagadev and Jesse Ferguson Class of '03

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VARIETY

Confusion Corner

by Becca Silverstein



Sororities: stereotypes with cool T-shirts

I grew up in the kind of household where Greek organizations were more than just frowned upon. I don't remember how old I was when I first found out that sorority girls were all Southern, shallow and stupid, but this knowledge is an integral part of who I am.

So at my first hall meeting during orientation freshman year when my Resident Advisor had us go around and say our names, majors and whether we were going to rush or not, the answer to that last question was something along the lines of "Yeah, and I'm also going to go to the Outback and have a big, juicy steak for dinner tonight. Then afterwards I was thinking I'd go to the Metallica concert, and of course [something else I'd never ever do in a million years]."

If you are thinking this is a column about how I saw the light and decided to go Greek, I'm not going to let you live in suspense any longer. I'm still not in a sorority — well, unless you count the kind you make up with friends so that you can put the name of it in your Instant Messenger profile — but my attitude towards sororities has changed immensely since I've come to the College.

Think of all the fun stuff sorority girls get to do that the rest of us don't. There are formals. As in, you get to start drinking at 6 p.m. and then dance the night away with either: A. the long distance boyfriend that you keep just for such important occasions, B. the gay friend who is way fun and is, at least around here, probably more likely to hook up with your sisters' dates than they are or C. a fraternity boy who will inevitably get really drunk, attempt to start a "Livin' on a Prayer" sing-along (no matter what song they are actually playing) and throw up on your brand new Nine West mules.

Then, there are philanthropies. I don't know that much about these except that they involve drunken fraternity brothers playing stupid games at 11 a.m. in T-shirts. T-shirts are, I think, the number one advantage to being in a sorority. I love the way that Greek organizations use T-shirts to commemorate every event they ever take part in. I want a T-shirt that says, "Becca Participated in Homecoming Activities Too" or "Becca Didn't Have a Bid Day, but She's Still Cool."

I have to admit I've always wanted a "little." I have, of course, acted out these fantasies through planning random clue weeks for my friends. The problem with this strategy, I've realized, is that I already know my friends. When I buy them presents, it is not going to make them like me any more or less. But the idea of a random freshman who I can make worship me excites me greatly.

There's also the secret stuff. I, of course, don't know anything about this, but I imagine that Initiation is something like the classic Joshua Jackson film "The Skulls." Those massive dues have to go somewhere, so why not to fancy cars, hot male escorts and getting into law school without even applying?

Sorority girls have the advantage of forming special relationships with frat boys through all the exciting events mentioned above. They then cement these relationships when they appear at frat parties dressed as Catholic school-girls. No matter what the theme, it is

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'Bash' to spice up Blowout

By Cristin Stickles

Flat Hat Staff Writer

April 25 marks one of the few days where some of the country's most academically minded undergraduates simultaneously decide to develop a social life. Spring Blowout only comes once a year, and the College is ready for it.

University Center Activities Board is currently in the midst of planning the end of the year festivities, according to representative Katie Garypie.

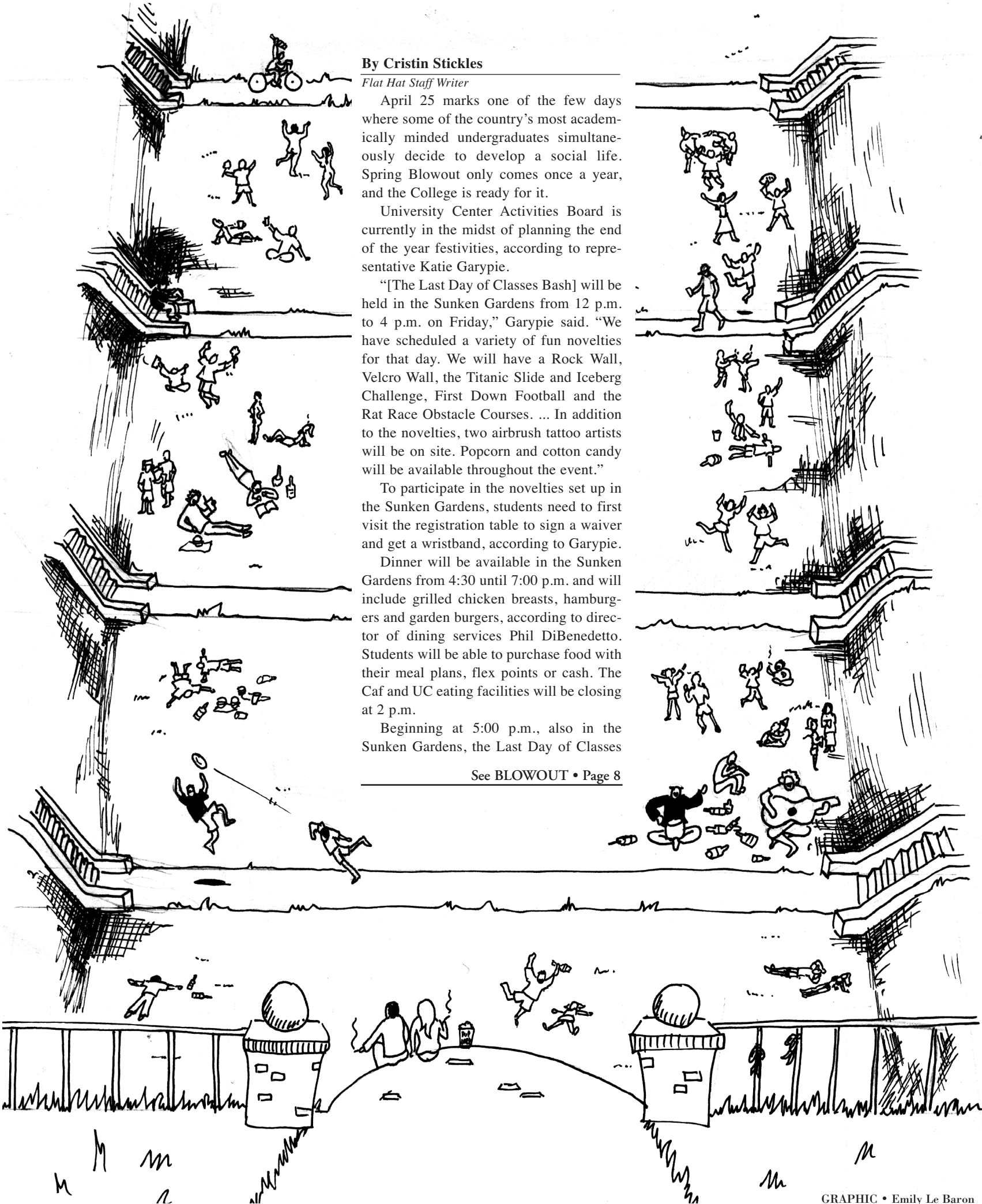
"[The Last Day of Classes Bash] will be held in the Sunken Gardens from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday," Garypie said. "We have scheduled a variety of fun novelties for that day. We will have a Rock Wall, Velcro Wall, the Titanic Slide and Iceberg Challenge, First Down Football and the Rat Race Obstacle Courses. ... In addition to the novelties, two airbrush tattoo artists will be on site. Popcorn and cotton candy will be available throughout the event."

To participate in the novelties set up in the Sunken Gardens, students need to first visit the registration table to sign a waiver and get a wristband, according to Garypie.

Dinner will be available in the Sunken Gardens from 4:30 until 7:00 p.m. and will include grilled chicken breasts, hamburgers and garden burgers, according to director of dining services Phil DiBenedetto. Students will be able to purchase food with their meal plans, flex points or cash. The Caf and UC eating facilities will be closing at 2 p.m.

Beginning at 5:00 p.m., also in the Sunken Gardens, the Last Day of Classes

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GRAPHIC • Emily Le Baron

7th Grade to perform skits

By Virginia Paulus

Flat Hat Briefs Editor

"The show is about one man's odyssey for meaning in life," freshman Eric Van Orman, member of 7th Grade said. "It's an existential pillaging of chaos. We're still riding the coattails of Thomas Jefferson and the Wake-up Gang."

This experience can only be seen Monday at 7th Grade's final performance of the semester. 7th Grade is a sketch comedy group on campus. As the name suggests, the "Best of all Time Show" will be a "best of" collection of sketches previously done by the group.

"All of the stuff in this show on Monday is from old shows," senior Trace Carter, president of 7th Grade said.

According to Carter, one of the show's highlights will be a sketch in which Gollum, a character from Lord of the Rings, gives a Power Point lecture.

The group, who writes and performs all of their material, will also do sketches with political and religious themes. According to junior Matt Cowan, "Al Gore's Utopia" is a sketch in which Al Gore falls into despair and comes up with a plan to take over the world through a children's television show. Another sketch will involve a professor teaching a religion class who confuses various religions with each other.

"It's brilliantly retarded, our script," Cowan said. "Sketch comedy is nihilistic in origin — a turbulent

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Students perform, direct plays

By Elizabeth Nyman

Flat Hat Variety Editor

To those who find the confines of regular College theater too predictable, the Theatre department has come up with an answer: next week's Director's Workshop. Director's Workshop offers 14 different one-act plays, each chosen and directed by a different student.

These student directors are all members of the Theatre 407 class, which is a requirement for the Theatre major here at the College. This semester, there are 14 members of the class. Because there are so many students in Director's Workshop this year, the plays cover a wide range of topics, according to senior Beth McGlynn.

"There's comedies, there's tragedies and there's everything in between," McGlynn said. "There's sort of an eclectic mix of things."

Senior Heather Aitken, who is acting in one of the shows, agreed.

"You get across the spectrum [with the one-acts]," Aitken said. "You get more experimentation with the pieces themselves."

According to McGlynn, the average length of each one-act is about 15 minutes, though they can be as short as 10 and as long as 30 minutes. Each show has between two and six actors, who were cast in auditions held right after Spring Break.

"[It was] a two-day audition process," junior Liz McCloskey, one



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Senior Katie Urban and sophomore Kyle Ferguson rehearse for junior Ali Miller's play, one of 14 one-acts in this week's Director's Workshop.

of the student directors, said. "[There was a] cold reading in pairs, then at the end of the night we all talked about the people we would want for our cast. [We had] very little conflict."

McCloskey emphasized the collaborative effort that goes into the production of Director's Workshop.

"Director's Workshop is a group process ... we all take a role," McCloskey said. "The director's class not only has a chance to learn to direct, but also to work together as a team."

McGlynn felt that one of the things that made Director's Workshop such a good experience was this teamwork,

as all of the students learned things together.

"I've acted before and I've done stage management ... but I've never been on the directing side of the table," McGlynn said. "For a lot of us, it's a brand new thing."

McCloskey agreed, adding that having instructor Jerry Bledsoe, who teaches the class, was also a help.

"It's a really good idea, to be on the other side of things, if you're not really used to that," McCloskey said. "When you're the director, it's a com-

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That Girl

Alice Walkup

By Carly Coho
Flat Hat Staff Writer

Alice Walkup is the epitome of an involved College student. Though busy finishing a double major in government and history, Walkup still finds time to be an active member in Kappa Delta sorority, the international relations club, the University Center Activities Board contemporary and cultural issues committee and Omicron Delta Kappa. This senior also has a great commitment to helping others, which she has pursued through her involvement as an orientation aide, in College Partnership for Kids and as a community service leader through the Office of Volunteer Services.

What is your favorite William & Mary tradition?

My favorite tradition is the bell ringing — at convocation for the new kids, on the last day of classes for seniors and then at Homecoming for alums who died that year. I think it is a very special way of honoring every student here.

What is your favorite class that you’ve taken?

I really like Professor Nelson in the history department. ... I’ve taken The Gilded Age, and now Southern Cultures with him ... he’s so passionate about the subject matter, so it’s very exciting ... I’ve really enjoyed his classes.

Who are your role models?

My parents — they’re just incredible people, great leaders, so committed to the community and giving back to the people. I really admire that about them.

What are your top five favorite movies?

“When Harry Met Sally” — number one. Number two is “The Royal Tenenbaums.” Number three is “Airplane.” Number four, “Coming to America.” And number five, “It’s a Wonderful Life.”

If you could date one celebrity, who would it be?

I would date John Cusack just because he seems like a lot of fun, has a great sense of humor and is very attractive — just all the qualities you want in a guy.

If there were one superpower you could have, what would it be?

It would definitely be to be invisible. It would just be fun to hang out and listen in on other people’s conversations, or to get out of bad situations if I need to. I think being invisible would be a lot of fun.

What is your favorite children’s book?

“Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs;” it’s so funny.

What is your favorite food?

I really like cola icees. It’s not really a food, but ... it was the happiest day of my life when the icee machine rolled into town because I grew up on them, and we always had them at home.

What is the greatest compliment you’ve ever

received?

Hanley Chiang once told me that he thought I was going to be a great citizen, like just being very involved and very concerned about local affairs and helping other people. ... I think that it’s important to be a good citizen, and I think that it’s something that people don’t really think about, being active in one’s community.

What fictional character do you most identify with?

Since my name is Alice, I’ve always felt a kinship with Alice in Wonderland. ... As I get older and all these crazy things happen in my life and I have my adventures, I feel like I’m the girl in Wonderland.

If you could be on a reality television show, which one would you choose?

I love “Trading Spaces;” so I’d want to be on that. ... Ideally, I would like to have Paige Davis’ job. But if I couldn’t be on that, then I’d probably want to be on “The Real World.”

Is there anything you feel you have to do before graduation?

I have a long list of things to do before graduation. I have to finish the triathlon, visit some of the colonial sites in CW, have as many picnics as possible ... and just do a lot of crazy things, like get floaties and float around the Crim Dell, and just have lots of adventures.

What campus involvement or experience has been the most memorable?

I think that Barrett second east, my freshman hall, by far is going to be the thing I remember the most. We had a fantastic hall, and we made so many memories freshman year ... like playing in Hurricane Floyd, having snowball fights in the Sunken Gardens ... and hanging out with them since then ... I feel bad for anyone who didn’t get to live on our hall. We had a great time.

Do you have a motto or words you live by?

My sort-of mantra that I live by is from “Ferris Bueller’s Day Off.” It’s “life moves pretty fast. If you don’t stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it.” That’s been my mantra, especially as I’ve gotten older; I’ve been really involved, but I’ve definitely taken time to hang out with people and tried to make that more of a priority.

Is there anything you would change about the College, given the opportunity?

Ever since my freshman year, I have wanted to have an outdoor, in-ground pool on campus. I’m not a big swimmer by any means, but I think it would be a fun place for people to hang out. There have been nights when I have been tempted to grab a shovel and start digging in the Sunken Gardens. ... Honestly, I think it is a great idea, and it might join the list of things to do before I graduate.



Behind Closed Doors

by Erin Caro

■ Stand together against campus rape, assault

Late one night, I was watching a friend’s vacation video from a tropical spring break of yore. As with any respectable spring break video, this one involved a bunch of tan guys and a couple of naked girls. Everyone was stumbling around in drunken bliss. The cameraman was stumbling around after a fit, nude blonde. At one point, she passes out in a provocative position on a bed. The camera gets a good, long shot.

Sitting on the sofa, my buddies took that moment to explain proudly to me that they hadn’t raped her. As they told me, most guys would have. I mean, a hot, naked, passed-out girl showing her world to a camera? That’s too much to expect any hazy spring breaker to resist.

Is that true? It sounds like grist for the old radical feminist accusation that all men are potential rapists, that the only requirement is a penis. If that were true, who’s to say all women aren’t potential prostitutes? We’ve got all the right equipment.

Most men are unlikely to become rapists anytime soon, despite being equipped for the job. Just as most women don’t run to the street corner when they get low on cash, most men don’t act on aggressive sexual impulses.

So, what happens when they do? Rape and sexual assault are all too common on college campuses. One study cited in a Health Center pamphlet that over 40 percent of women surveyed had been victims of sexual coercion while dating in college. Seventy percent of those assaulted said they never sought help or reported the crime.

Students can and should seek

help. Michelle Alexander, the campus Health Educator, informed me that everyone in a position of authority on campus follows a specific protocol when an assault is reported to them. From your Resident Advisor to the Dean of Students office, everyone is taught how to help. Gone are the days of administrators telling women, “Oh, honey, he just likes you. Don’t worry.”

The counseling center also has exceptional services. There is a counselor on call 24 hours a day, reachable through Campus Police. Callers don’t have to reveal the reason for the call. Also, the counseling center has a coordinator of the Sexual Response Network, Donna Haygood-Jackson, available for more specific help if students hit roadblocks elsewhere.

The most important thing to remember if you are raped or assaulted is to seek medical attention immediately. Don’t even shower, just head for the friendly folks at the Health Center or the Sentera Williamsburg Community Hospital. After that, try to seek professionals trained to help victims of assault.

For friends who want to help, there’s more you can do than buy Ben and Jerry’s and commiserate about men. The counseling center has a great brochure on how to help. The most important thing to remember is to believe your friend unconditionally. Get outside help if they are willing to accept it. Let them know they aren’t alone, and reassure them that it was absolutely not their fault.

The last is especially important. Women who have been raped in our culture are often made to feel

like they had it coming: they were drunk or high or naked or all of the above.

The Air Force Academy has been in the news recently for a situation that could have happened on any college campus. A female cadet was playing a game of drunken strip poker with some male students. According to the prediction of my guy friends, she was raped. The administration won’t prosecute the rapist because she “put herself at risk.”

Until recently, the College had a reputation among students for responding to victims in a similar manner. Frustrated by this attitude, many groups on campus have tackled sexual assault as a focal issue of their agendas. Most notable is the Student Assembly’s dedication to change. Groups such as the InterSorority Council, Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance and Health Outreach Peer Education are also working. One in Four and Men Educating Men about Sexual Assault are male groups teaching men how to prevent rape and assault and how to help a friend.

Despite changes in the approach of students and administration towards rape, it does still occur. Protect yourself by communicating your sexual boundaries to that drunk guy at the party. Try not to drink to the point where he looks like a young Marlon Brando. If you are planning on a major beer-goggle night, have friends who know your limits keep tabs on you. This is the ultimate “better safe than sorry.”

Erin Caro is the Flat Hat sex columnist. Her views do not necessarily represent those of The Flat Hat.

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Bash will feature a concert by the band 2 Skinnee Js. UCAB has considered this group for an on campus concert for some time, according to music productions chair Nichole Litvinas, who describes the band as having a sound that combines rap, punk and funk with a lot of humor.

“Even though the show has mainly been advertised so far only by word of mouth, there is already a buzz on campus,” Litvinas said. “I think people are excited because they know how much energy the

band has.”

Senior Katie Squibb has seen 2 Skinnee Js in concert six times, and was thrilled to hear that they would be performing at the College.

“2 Skinnee’s are a fantastic live show, full of funk beats and hilarious rhymes,” Squibb said. “It’s impossible not to dance at their concerts, and I can’t wait to see them play outdoors. They recently played their fan appreciation concert at the Norva in Norfolk and it was the best show I’ve been to yet. They’re energetic, funny and play a ridiculous concert. I was so excited when I heard one of my favorite bands was going to be here — I’ve never seen a really kickass concert in the Sunken Gardens and it’s perfect for my senior blowout.”

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wheeling through a Godless universe.”

In addition to Van Orman, Carter and Cowan, other performers will include freshman Sean Faeth, sophomore Stephanie Lebow and junior Georgia Dodson.

According to 7th Grade’s website, the group began in 1997 and, according to Carter, they generally try to do two to three shows during a semester.

“Our mission is to bring at least an ounce of comedy to the William and Mary campus, or die an embarrassingly anticlimactic death while trying [...],” Paul Zelensky, class of ’02, said on the group’s website. “We are the proverbial thorn in the side of the status quo, we are the punk rocker giving the two fingered salute, we are the dadaist pissing magenta.”

The group holds two rounds of auditions for new members during the beginning of the first semester of each school year. Candidates who make it to the second round of auditions, must write their own sketch as part of the audition. Last semester three new members were added.

Carter feels that the group has improved during his years with it.

“I really feel confident that the group has matured,” he said.

In addition to doing shows on campus, 7th grade has also participated in workshops in places such as New York City’s Upright



LAUREN BRYANT • The Flat Hat
Freshman Eric Van Orman and junior Matt Cowan practice a skit for 7th Grade’s show April 21. It will be their final show this semester.

Citizen’s Brigade Theater and gone on tour.

This show will be an important last show for Carter who is graduating this May.

“This is going to be my last show, it’s kind of nice to see it coming together,” he said. “One of the skits will be the first one I wrote.”

Carter encourages everyone to come out and see the performance.

“I really think this will be a tremendous show,” Carter said. “I encourage anybody, whether they’ve seen us before or not, to

come out.”

Sophomore Eric Anderson, who had seen the group during an cappella concert also recommends 7th grade.

“I thought they were pretty funny,” he said.

The cost of the show is \$.99 at the door, which will go mainly to fund the groups operating costs.

For more information on 7th grade, visit their website at www.wm.edu/SO/7thgrade.

The show will be held at 9 p.m. in the University Center Commonwealth Auditorium.

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pletely different role in production. It’s really nice to have Jerry Bledsoe, our professor ... come to rehearsals and give advice.”

The fact that Director’s Workshop is completely student run leads to some differences for actors as well, according to Aitken.

“In some senses there’s more freedom for actor’s choices,” Aitken

said. “There’s a lot more communication about what should be done and what shouldn’t be done. With the students it’s a learning process for them as much as it is for us.”

The variety of shows and the fact that Director’s Workshop is completely student run makes it unique, according to McGlynn.

“There are very few things in the Theatre Department that are student run, and this is our chance,” McGlynn said.

McCloskey agreed with McGlynn.

“The second season at William and Mary is some of the best theater you’ll see here, because the students are highly motivated and they want their work to reflect that,” she said. “It’s a bunch of one-acts, so it’s not tedious, it’s fun.”

Director’s Workshop runs from April 21 through April 24. Seven of the one-acts will be performed April 21 and again April 23, and the other seven will run April 22 and April 24. All performances begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Studio Theatre of Phi Beta Kappa Hall.

Correction:

There was a mistake in the April 11 issue of The Flat Hat’s Behind Closed Doors column. The correct website addresses are: www.sexuality.org/l/sex/fellatio.html and www.sexuality.org/l/incoming/acunn.html.



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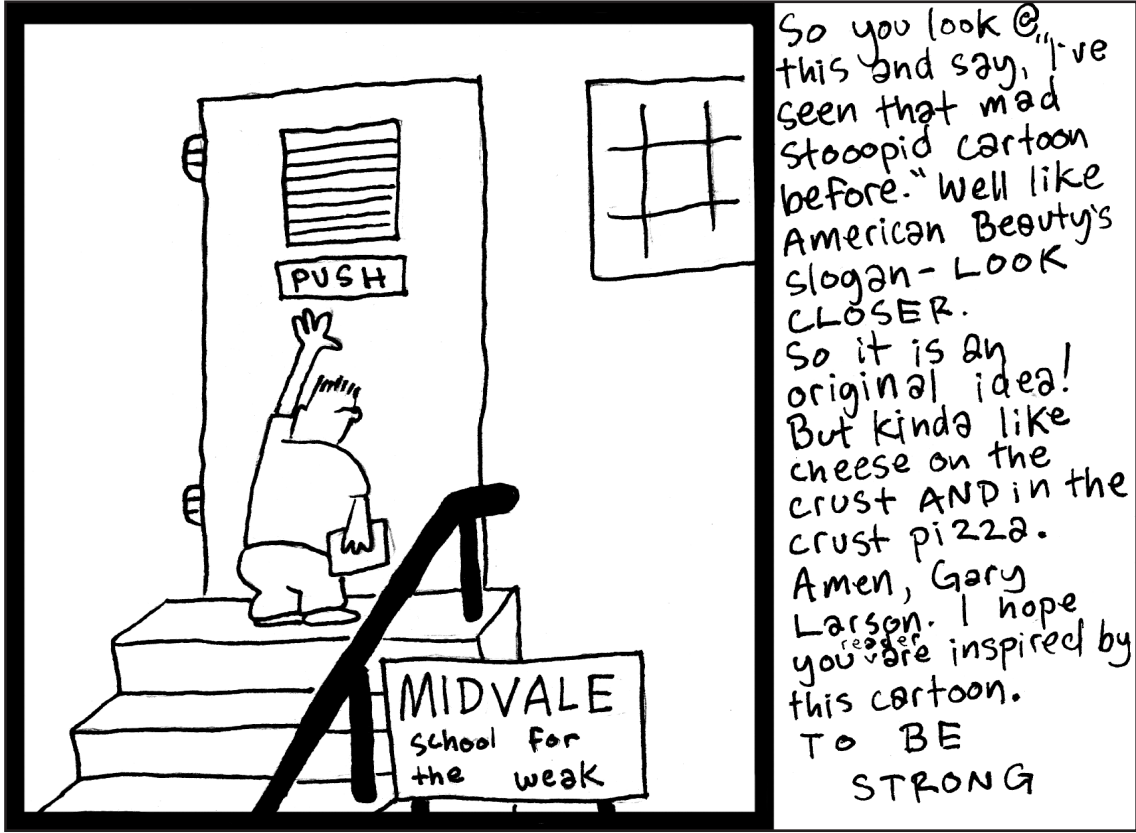
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Hullabaloo

By Nate Loerhke



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 - 6 Part of many college courses
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 - 12 Giraffe cousin
 - 13 Way to go?
 - 14 Rose of rock
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 - 27 Boot from campus
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 - 36 Two ___ kind
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 - 48 Funny Murphy
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 - 57 Domesticates

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 - 10 Boot from the country

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- 30 Duma nos
- 31 One of ten below
- 32 Garden shed tool
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- 34 ___ Sebastian
- 37 Little bit of evidence
- 38 "Try ___ your head"
- 39 They're red
- 41 Roeper's partner
- 42 Papers, magazines, etc.
- 44 Golden fort

- 46 Ending for cloth or bombard
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- 50 Residential suffix
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Solution to last week's puzzle

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Saturday

Gamma Phi Beta hosts its annual Easter egg hunt this morning for the College staff and their children. The event takes place in the Wren Courtyard. The hunt starts at 9:45 a.m. and lasts until 11 a.m. There will be special prizes and contests.

Sunday

Hillel brings Inge Auerbacher, a world renowned Holocaust survivor, to campus today. She will speak about her book, "Beyond the Yellow Star" and her experiences before, during and after the war. The talk starts at 7 p.m. in Tidewater A.

Monday

President Timothy Sullivan holds special office hours today for individuals or small groups. Those interested may reserve 10-minute appointments from 4 to 5 p.m. Meetings will be in the Brafferton. Contact Carla Jordan at x1254 to reserve a spot.

Tuesday

Speaker and author Gil White gives a lecture this evening based on his book, "Europe on 84 cents a Day." Sponsored by UCAB, the lecture starts at 7:30 p.m. in the UC Commonwealth Auditorium. This is a rescheduled event from earlier this semester.

Wednesday

Beledi, the campus belly dancing group, presents its final recital tonight. The Spring Hafu Belly Dance Recital starts at 8 p.m. in the UC Commonwealth Auditorium. There will also be dancers from the area. Donations of \$1 are appreciated.

Thursday

Senior Joanna Groarke presents a gallery talk this evening about artist J.J. Lankes and his woodcut prints. The prints are currently on display at the Muscarelle Museum of Art. The talk starts at 5:30 p.m. at the Muscarelle. It is free and open to the public.

Friday

The Gentlemen of the College, an all male cappella group, holds its final concert of the year tonight. It lasts from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. in Phi Beta Kappa Hall. They will perform a wide variety of songs. Admission is free. The concert is open to the public.

Next week

Final examinations start next Monday. Be sure to check the registrar's website for the schedule. There are reading days on May 3 and 4 with exams continuing through May 7. Arrangements for rescheduling exams can be made through the Dean of Undergraduate Studies.

Horoscopes



Aries:
March 21 - April 19
All of these responsibilities are getting in your way. For now, you're going to have to put aside the stuff you want to do in order to finish what you know you have to do.



Leo:
July 23 - Aug. 22
The spending spree finally comes to an end this week when your common sense trumps your new credit card limit. It looks like you're gonna be bringing your lunch to work for a while.



Sagittarius:
Nov. 22 - Dec. 21
Why does everyone seem to want to tell you what to do? This still is a free country, isn't it? Exercise your rights, Sagittarius. Nobody is the boss of you.



Taurus:
April 20 - May 20
Aren't you the affectionate one? Just keep in mind that not everyone likes to hold hands and kiss in public, Taurus. Those who do, however, will melt.



Virgo:
Aug. 23 - Sept. 22
You never thought you would reach your goal, but you did it. You might want to wait until after class to celebrate your victory, especially if one of your classmates is jealous of your success.



Capricorn:
Dec. 22 - Jan. 19
If you've got some vacation time coming up, don't waste it. Start gathering brochures and surfing the Internet for info on a cool place you'd like to visit. Hawaii is always nice.



Gemini:
May 21 - June 21
You and your family members are on an entirely different wavelength right now. Hold off on talking to them about something that's important to you for another day or so. Idle chitchat is fine, though.



Libra:
Sept. 23 - Oct. 22
Ugh — the same line from the same song keeps repeating in your head over and over. You've got to find something to distract yourself, Libra. What about that hot new hire in marketing?



Aquarius:
Jan. 20 - Feb. 18
You might want to stifle that swagger. Someone is a lot trickier than you're giving them credit for, and they'd like nothing better than to get away with their little scheme.



Cancer:
June 22 - July 22
The lines of communication are wide open for you at the moment, Cancer. This is a great time to have that little talk with your roommates about leaving dishes in the sink.



Scorpio:
Oct. 23 - Nov. 21
Mysteries are everywhere this week, and you love it. There's no doubt that you'll be the first one to figure out what's going on, but you might want to wait until everyone is finished before spilling the beans.



Pisces:
Feb. 19 - March 20
Put away your criticism for another week. The people closest to you need your support right now, not words of discouragement. Embrace your inner cheerleader.

compiled by kelli fox, astrology.com (U-Wire)

SORORITIES

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always appropriate to dress as a Catholic schoolgirl — and to cut in line. If you are in a sorority, you don't ever have to wait. No matter how long those freshmen from Monroe have been standing there politely, it is your responsibility to push them out of the way on your way in. It's like the law.

Of course, there are disadvantages to being in sororities, too. I've heard meetings are boring. My former roommate (whose name and sorority will remain undisclosed to protect the guilty) made up any and every excuse to get out of going to her mandatory meetings. Monday nights were the nights we just didn't pick up the phone no matter what.

And then there is the reputation thing. I'm not

going to get into the reputations that go along with every sorority. I don't want to be responsible for starting any catfights. But when you join a sorority, you give everyone a means to judge you based on a stereotype before they even get to know you.

I'm not saying that there aren't girls who fit these stereotypes. They make their way over to the frats every Friday night and their way back home every Saturday morning. But our school's Greek system is less like what I imagined than, say, that little school two hours west of Williamsburg's.

So go ahead, I give you permission to join a sorority, I will still be your friend. And you will get bunches of brand-new friends that don't even cost as much per semester as a Meal Plan. Yes, sorority girls are cheaper than Dining Services workers.

Becca Silverstein is a Confusion Corner columnist. Don't pay attention to her whining, she's just bitter because she's not cool enough to be in a sorority.

FISHing for answers

Q: What are the effects of mixing Wellbutrin and ecstasy?
— *Mixing Maven*

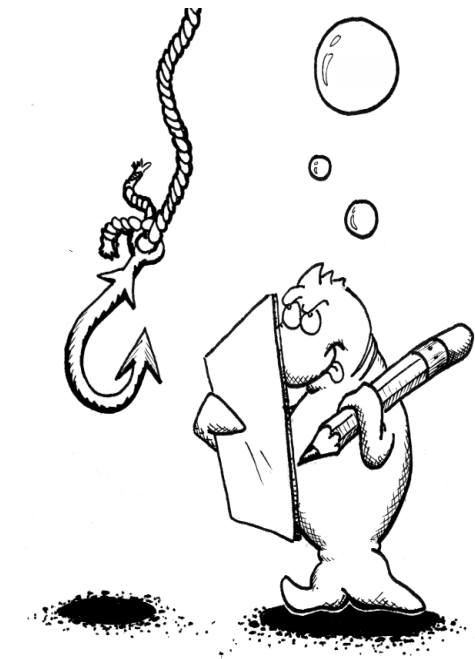
A: Good question. It is always best to know what, why and how much of a prescription medication you are taking so as to reduce any interactive effects or side effects. The first drug, Wellbutrin, is a prescription medication used to treat depression, ADD and smoking cessation. It is ill advised to use Wellbutrin if you are prone to seizures, have a history of eating disorders or are

taking other medications like anti-depressants without a physicians' approval. The medical need for Wellbutrin could be compromised with the use of other, non-prescribed drugs like ecstasy. MDMA or ecstasy is an unregulated, illegal psychoactive drug with the following possible side effects: increased heart rate and blood pressure, increased body temperature, hallucinations (visual, auditory and kinesthetic), muscle spasms, impaired decision making and hyperactivity. It should also be noted that both Wellbutrin and ecstasy have additional, long-term effects as well.

According to medical research, there can be negative effects if MDMA or ecstasy is mixed with Wellbutrin. Both Wellbutrin and ecstasy initially release large quantities of serotonin. This is followed by serotonin depletion and the following conditions: mental confusion and agitation; muscle rigidity and twitching; elevated temperature, pulse and blood pressure, rapid pulse; chills; teeth clenching or chattering; depression; and possibly even death. Since both drugs are considered dopamine agonists (enhance the action of dopamine), the mix of MDMA and Wellbutrin can cause psychosis, confusion, motor restlessness, tremor, unsteadiness, dizziness, vertigo, dyskinesia (involuntary motor movement) and seizures.

For more information on medication use consult your health care provider or the Student Health Center.

Contributed by the FISH Bowl. If you have a question for the FISH Bowl, send e-mail to FISHBL@wm.edu or call x3631.



BRIEFS

GENERAL INFORMATION

SOLO Wilderness First Aid

The College's Kinesiology Department is sponsoring SOLO, a recognized leader in educational programs involving wilderness emergency medicine, outdoor leadership and rescue skills. This 16-hour workshop will familiarize participants with first aid techniques and long term patient care in a wilderness setting.

This course is recognized by the American Camping Association, U.S. Coast Guard and various guide licensing boards as meeting their first aid requirements. This course is perfect for camp counselors, outdoor trip leaders and outdoor enthusiasts of all kinds.

It will be held April 26 to 27 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. It costs \$100 for outside guest and \$90 for College students, faculty and staff. This includes instruction, workbook materials and all medical supplies for the course. For more information call Sylvia Shirley or Daniel Smith at x2787 or e-mail us at dbsmit@wm.edu.

Diploma Holds

A reminder for May 2003 graduating students: all outstanding debts owed to the College must be paid in full by 5 p.m. April 30. These debts may include, but are not limited to parking fines, library fines, emergency loans, health fees, past due phone bills and any other balances owed on your student account. As provided for in the College's undergraduate and graduate catalogs, diplomas and transcripts may be held until all outstanding debts have been resolved.

If you have any questions regarding the status of your student account, please contact Pam Owen in the Bursar's Office at x3977.

John Kratzer Memorial Award

In 1979, the Senior Class and the Student Association established an award in memory of John Kratzer, a former captain of the basketball team who had displayed unusual courage and determination in facing a long and debilitating illness.

The award has only been given on six occasions since it was established. It is presented on

those occasions when there is a member of the graduating class who demonstrates unusual courage, self-sacrifice, leadership and spirit. If you know of anyone in this year's graduating class who has overcome adversity and exhibited the above qualities, please send a letter of nomination to W. Samuel Sadler, Vice President for Student Affairs, in room 219 of the Campus Center by April 25.

Carr Cup and Sullivan Awards

The Committee on Prizes and Awards will meet in April to select recipients of the major College awards, the Carr Cup and the Sullivan Awards. Any member of the College community may make nominations for the Carr Cup and the Sullivan Awards. Criteria for the awards are as follows: the Carr Cup is "awarded on the basis of character, scholarship and leadership. The aim is to find a well-rounded student, having a good standing in all three of these respects, and withal carrying a spirit of willingness to sacrifice and give oneself to a cause."

The Sullivan Awards are given annually "to no more than one man and one woman in the graduating class, and to one other person who has a close relationship to the College. In the selection of the recipients, nothing is considered except the possession of characteristics of heart, mind and conduct as evidence of a spirit of love for and helpfulness to other men and women." Please submit all nominations and supporting materials to the Vice President for Student Affairs Office by April 25.

Barksdale Field

If you want to save Barksdale field, join students and alumni at the upcoming meeting of the Building and Grounds Committee. The meeting will be held in Blow Hall in the Board Conference Room. The time and date have not yet been set although it will be either Thursday or April 25. You will not have to say a word at the meeting. If exams prevent you from attending, then write a letter. For more information, contact Daniel Shaye at danieldoc@juno.com.

Thatcher Prize for Excellence

Presented for the first time at Commencement 2000, the Thatcher Prize for Excellence in Graduate and Professional Study is intended to recognize an outstanding student from among those com-

pleting advanced degrees in Arts and Sciences, Education, Marine Science, Business Administration or Law.

The winner will be selected on the basis of character, scholarship, leadership and service. The aim is to find a well-rounded graduate or professional student reflecting each of these qualities who also embodies the values of the College. Please submit all nominations and supporting materials to the Vice President for Student Affairs Office by April 25.

College-Wide Committee

The Office of Student Affairs is currently seeking students who are interested in serving on a college-wide committee for the 2003-2004 academic year.

If you would like to learn more about the various committees, please visit the website at www.wm.edu/OSA. To be considered for an appointment, please send your name and contact information, the committees you are interested in and why and a brief list of your campus activities to Amy Barnes at acbarn@wm.edu.

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Exam Hours at Swem Library

Swem Library is again offering expanded reading and exam period hours to provide students with additional quiet study space for finals. April 26 to May 6, the library will be open an additional 46 hours. Swem Library hours

April 26 to May 6 are: Sundays 11 a.m. to 3 a.m., Mondays through Thursdays 8 a.m. to 3 a.m., Fridays 8 a.m. to midnight and Saturdays 9 a.m. to midnight. On May 7, the library will be open from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.

During the midnight to 3 a.m. study hall hours, library access is limited to individuals with current College IDs. Security guards will be on duty to check IDs and oversee safety in the building. The computer lab will be open, but all library services, including circulation, reserves, reference, government information and interlibrary loans, will be closed.

Students are reminded that campus transportation and the student escort service end at 1 a.m. most nights and that they should arrange to walk with a friend when leaving the library after that hour.

For more information about the extended hours, please contact Mary Molineux, Head of Access Services at x3076.

Red Cross Courses

There will be a life-guarding/CPR/First aid certification course offered on campus through the Red Cross Center as this semester comes to a close. The price will be \$100 for students and faculty. A lower price will not be found anywhere. Please call Jessica at x5457 for specific dates and times or to sign up.

Black Enterprise Conference

Black Enterprise has announced a \$195 rate, open to all currently enrolled undergraduate college students, for attendance at the 8th annual Black Enterprise/Microsoft Entrepreneurs Conference. With a theme of "The Changing Face of Business," the conference will be held May 14 to 18, at the Gaylord Opryland Resort in Nashville, Tenn.

Sessions of interest to students include creating an effective business plan, raising the necessary capital to start a new business and choosing the right time to launch a venture. In addition, attendees will have the opportunity to network with representatives from major U.S. corporations such as American Airlines, AT&T Corp., BellSouth, Federated Department Stores, FedEx, General Motors, IBM, Marathon Oil Corp., Microsoft Corp., Miller Brewing Co., Office Depot, Pepsi Cola, Schieffelin & Somerset, State Farm Insurance, Wachovia Bank, Wendy's International as well as representatives from Tennessee and the Tennessee Valley Authority.

Students who wish to register for the Black Enterprise/Microsoft Entrepreneurs Conference should visit www.blackenterprise.com, or call 1-800-543-6786, using code EC195.

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Drag Ball 2003

The Drag Ball is one of the most popular events on campus. Back after a one-year hiatus, the event combines a professional drag show, including drag queens and drag kings, with a general dance for everyone after the drag show. You do not have to come in

drag to attend, but you can certainly come in costume if you would like. The ball is today in the Tidewater Room of the University Center.

Doors open at 8:30 p.m. and the show will start promptly at 9 p.m. Tickets are \$6 and will be available for purchase at tables in the UC lobby the week of April 14. The ball is sponsored by the Gay Student Union.

Student Discounts

With graduation on the horizon, this could be the last chance for many college students to take advantage of student-only discounts readily offered by millions of retailers eager for their business. Many students do not know that there is a whole world of high-end discounts available to them. The following are a few examples. At StudentUniverse.com, students can expect to buy airline tickets for 15 to 70 percent cheaper than publicly available published fares.

Students can also get discounted monthly memberships and low or no sign-up fees at most health clubs and gyms. Potential savings can be up to \$20 per month, adding up to more than \$200 a year in savings. Students should call their local gyms and ask about student rates.

Banks also offer advantages to students. Many banks offer student checking or savings accounts that come with perks such as no minimum balance and low or no monthly fees. Ask your local bank what types of benefits they offer students before opening an account. Students can also get their local newspaper or even The Wall Street Journal delivered to them for up to 50 percent off the regular price. That can mean savings of up to \$100 on a one-year subscription. Just ask for the student rate when ordering a subscription. For more information, visit StudentUniverse.com.

Javanese Gamelan Performance

The Music Department's Javanese Gamelan ensemble will perform on April 22 in the Sunken Gardens from 5 to 7 p.m. The Gamelan ensemble is honored to present guest director Cynthia Benton-Groner, the Associate Director of the University of Virginia's Center for South Asian Studies. The concert is free and open to the public. The rain location is the University Center's Commonwealth Auditorium.

Class of '53 Reunion

The William and Mary Alumni Association welcomes the Class of '53 back to campus in celebration of their 50th reunion April 25 to 27.

Organized by the Alumni Association under the leadership of 50th Reunion Co-chairs Bev Kelly, and Carmen Romeo, the festivities will begin the evening of April 25 with a welcome reception in the College's Botetourt Gallery. Some of the weekend's activities will include a "Then and Now" guided bus tour of the campus, a meeting with current students, a class luncheon with Sullivan, Class of '66, and a special dinner the evening of April 26.

Reunion Gift Co-chairs Bill Allison, and Henry Wilde, lead a committee of classmates who have so far raised \$1.1 million for the 1953 class gift. The class gift supports three areas: an endowed scholarship to provide aid to qualified students who have demonstrated the need for financial assistance, an endowment which benefits the College's best mid-career faculty and the Alumni Center Operating Endowment which provides for the maintenance and care of the Alumni

Center. The class gift will be presented to Sullivan, who will accept the gift on behalf of the College during the class luncheon at 12 p.m. April 26, at the Campus Center's Trinkle Hall.

The Class of '53 will once again assemble in the Wren Yard (the same place they gathered 50 years earlier for commencement) where they will be officially welcomed into the Olde Guard during a formal induction ceremony on Sunday. During the ceremony, the class will relive memories of their 1953 graduation by wearing commencement robes and academic regalia during a special ceremony in which they will receive Olde Guard medallions. A service of remembrance, honoring deceased classmates, will precede the ceremony. College alumni enter the Olde Guard 50 years after their graduation from the College.

22nd Annual Olde Guard Day

The William and Mary Alumni Association will host the 22nd annual Olde Guard Day April 28 at the Williamsburg Marriott Hotel. The Olde Guard, who are alumni who have graduated from the College 50 or more years ago, will enjoy a full day of special activities and events.

Olde Guard Day will get underway at 11 a.m. with an academic symposium led by a panel of academic. The panel will also host a question and answer session following the discussion.

During a Bloody Mary reception at 12:15 p.m., the Olde Guard will welcome members of the Class of '53, who will have celebrated their 50th Reunion April 25 to 27. A special luncheon, with remarks by College Rector Donald N. Patten, will follow the reception. The Alumni Association will also honor four Olde Guard Council members whose terms as officers have ended. Outgoing Olde Guard Council Chair and Class Representative Fred L. Frechette, '46, along with Class Representative Bettie Marie Ellett Lile, '46 and Members-at-Large Margaret Kelly Dunham, '42 and C. Foster Jennings, '42 will each be recognized. Also during the luncheon, selected members of the Olde Guard will receive the first-ever Olde Guard Distinguished Service Award for outstanding service to the College. The Gentlemen of the College, a male a capella group of current College students, will provide musical entertainment.

The College, the Olde Guard Council and the William and Mary Alumni Association established Olde Guard Day in 1982 to honor the College's senior alumni. In addition to welcoming the Class of '53 into their ranks, Olde Guard members enjoy this annual opportunity to return to campus, visit with fellow classmates and keep up to date with current news and happenings at the College.

Briefs must be submitted to The Flat Hat by 5 p.m. Tuesday, either by e-mail (briefs@wm.edu) or in the envelope on the door of the Flat Hat office. Submissions must be typed and include the author's name and telephone number. Briefs are for non-profit groups and information only.

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The Entertainment Column

Some like it stolen

Marilyn Monroe once sang that diamonds were a girl's best friend, but after a pair of the 1960s pin-up girl-cum-screen- icon's jewels were stolen this week from a London exhibition, diamonds might just be a thief's best friend. A gold bangle and a ring bearing a diamond-encrusted 'M,' both of which once belonged to the "Some Like It Hot" actress and valued at \$60,000 collectively, are still missing after being purloined from the Roald Dahl gallery on Tuesday. One suspect is currently under custody for the theft but another remains at large.



Griffith heads to 'Chicago'

Melanie Griffith, last heard (not seen) as a bird in 2002's "Stuart Little 2," is headed to New York's Ambassador Theater this July where she'll assume the role of devil darling Roxie Heart in the Broadway revival of "Chicago." Griffith, who'll fill the part Renee Zellweger epitomized in the recent film adaptation of the musical, joins her husband Antonio Banderas on Manhattan's famed theater street, where he's currently starring in a revival of 1982's "Nine."

'Dogg' dazed in drive-by

Quintessential rap icon Snoop Dogg narrowly avoided becoming the casualty of a drive-by shooting last Thursday after an altercation on Los Angeles's Fairfax Avenue. According to police, an unidentified man exchanged words with the rapper while he was riding with his five-car motorcade. The exchange became heated, and shots were fired at two of Snoop's cars; the rapper's bodyguard was hit in the back but treated early Friday morning. No word yet as to who the shooters were or what their motivation may have been.

Lesbian kiss makes history

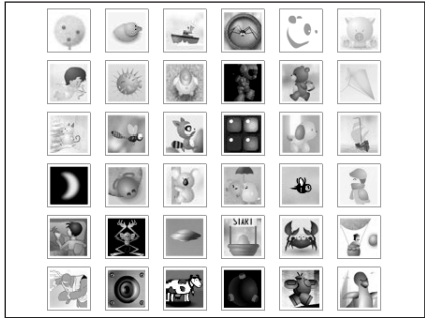
ABC will make history April 22 when its daytime soap opera "All My Children" features a same-sex kiss. The kiss, between openly gay Bianca Montgomery (Eden Riegel) and her friend Lena (Olga Sosnovska), will be the first ever on-screen lesbian smooch in soap history.

— Compiled by Kyle Meikle

BILLBOARD TOP 10

1. *Meteora* — Linkin Park
2. *Get Rich Or Die Tryin'* — 50 Cent
3. *Now 12* — Various Artists
4. *One Heart* — Celine Dion
5. *Come Away With Me* — Norah Jones
6. *Elephant* — The White Stripes
7. *The Very Best of Cher* — Cher
8. "Chicago" — Soundtrack
9. *Fallen* — Evanescence
10. *Chocolate Factory* — R. Kelly

Out of Site



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Been confined to your ever-so-drab dorm dwelling in recent weeks thanks to Williamsburg's ungodly pollen count? Fear not. Just do what every normal college student would do and turn to your computer. It's there you'll find the day-dreamy orisinal.com, where a bevy of slightly bizzare, infinitely entertaining and gorgeously designed online games are sure to erase all your allergy spawned aches and pains. Whether you're in control of a free wheeling panda who does somersaults in slow-motion or a niftily drawn ship battling a mammoth dragon, the site's sky-gazing distractions will make your day sunnier.

Folds brings music, comedy

■ Popular rocker goes solo at Matoka

By Zach Dunn

The Flat Hat

"A mullet is not something that you grow, a mullet is something you earn," star of the University Center Activities Board's annual spring concert, Ben

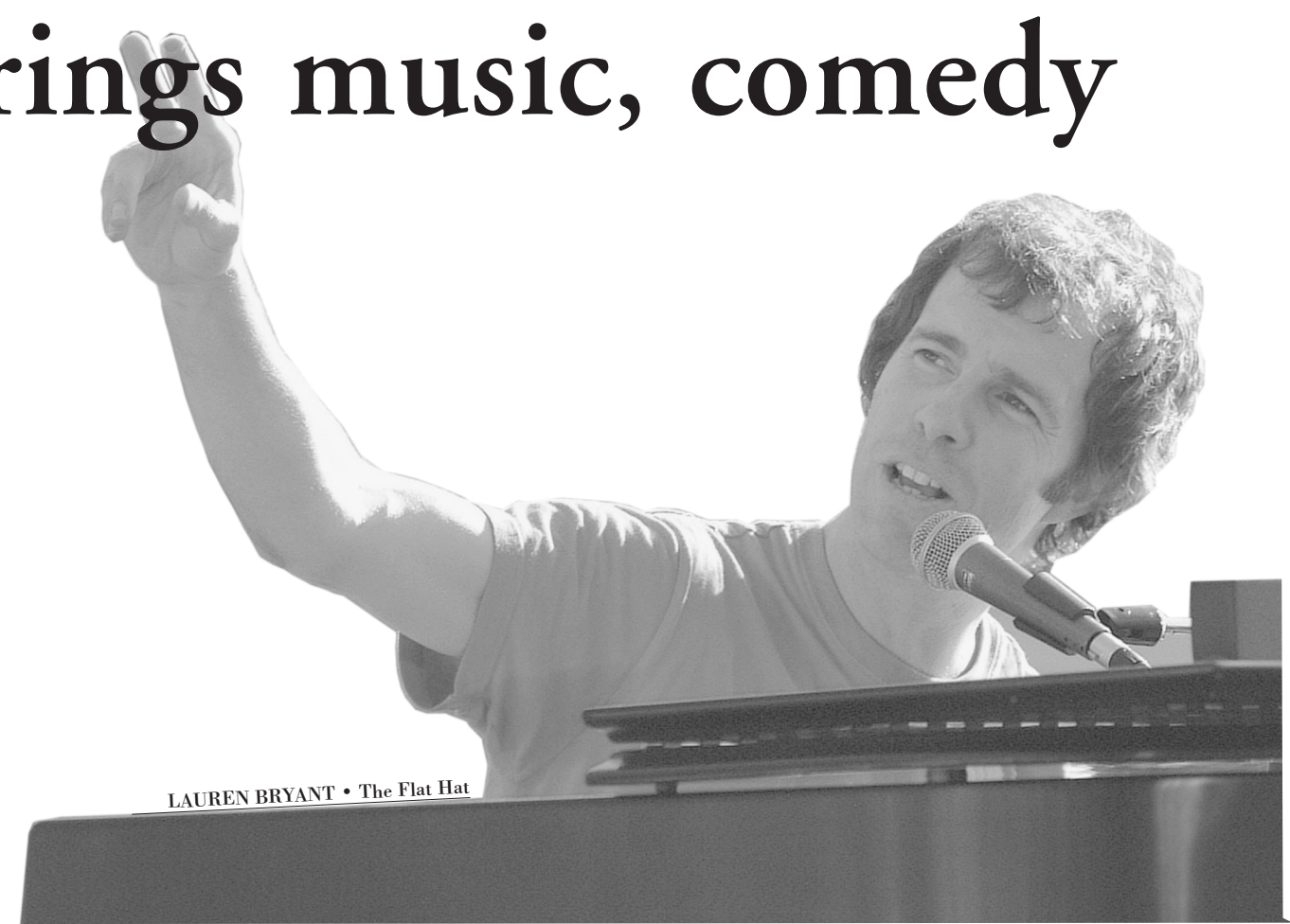
CONCERT
BEN FOLDS
★★★★★

Sunday afternoon

out at the Lake Matoka amphitheater where the temperature was a beautiful 70 degrees, the sun shone brightly and a gentle breeze blew in off the lake. It was, all and all, a perfect day, even without the incredible concert that consumed the crowd of nearly 1,500 people spread out along the sloping concrete and grass of the amphitheater.

The opening act consisted of Tegan and Sara, a pair of sisters from Montreal. The girls were surprisingly good, despite being relatively unheard of by the general masses. It was apparent that they were still a little rough in spots, which is probably why the duo was opening for Folds and not headlining a concert tour of their own. Their between-song banter was a bit odd (including a shout-out to their cousin who attends the College), but that's relatively standard for most musicians these days, and set up the stage nicely for Folds.

For those who have never heard of them, they sound a bit like an edgier version of Michelle Branch. It's also difficult for anyone to be playing to a bunch of college kids there to see Folds without a full band behind them. Two girls and



LAUREN BRYANT • The Flat Hat

their guitars are nice, but there's a reason that most artists become well known with a complete band. The only reason this was highly noticeable was due to the fact that there was a few occasions when their sound was in dire need of a rhythm section. Overall though the pair were a pleasant way to open the afternoon of musical enjoyment.

A few minutes after five, Folds took the stage for over two hours of hilarity, audience interaction and incredible music. The stage was set up simply, adorned only by a single grand piano. Folds came out to an incredible roar of the crowd and started by playing the campfire sing-along "Kumbaya." He said that this was not the original plan, but ran with it nonetheless — a preview to the sorts of random comedic exercises that continued through the rest of the performance. When two students showed up in a canoe, he said, "Attention

anglers. I would play you 'Row, Row, Row Your Boat' but 'Kumbaya' didn't go over so well earlier."

Folds played songs both from his solo efforts and from his days with Ben Folds Five. A few of these included "Eddie Walker," "Annie Waits," "Philosophy," "Kate," "One Angry Dwarf and 200 Solemn Faces," "Rockin' the Suburbs," "Army," "Stephen's Last Night in Town," "Best Imitation Of Myself," "Brick," and a cover of Elliot Smith's "Say Yes," per sporadic fan request. During many of the songs, as he was wailing away on the piano, he would stand up and get into the song so much so that the stage and piano shook. He even changed one of the lyrics of the chorus in "Zak and Sara," to "Will and Mary," much to the crowd's enjoyment.

During many songs, Folds conducted the crowd in singing parts of the chorus,

like having half the crowd sing the trumpet portion of a song and another half singing saxophone. The audience participation level was high which added to the overall spirit of the show. During "Stephen's Last Night in Town," a drum set appeared on stage and spurred Folds into an impressive five minute long percussion solo.

The encore began with the pianist sporting a pair of rhinestone sunglasses and doing an incredible rendition of Elton John's "Tiny Dancer." He then went into "The Luckiest," and finally "Song for the Dumped," complete with an obscenity laden, unreleased verse as well as one verse in Japanese, then left the stage to a chorus of Aerosmith's "Dream On." Why? Because he wanted to; it was an amazing experience to have him here on the College. Who could possibly have a bad time on a gorgeous afternoon with Folds?

Fresh faces burst to stage in Roundtable

By Will Milton

Flat Hat Reviews Editor

With an energy and exuberance that could hardly be contained in the tiny Phi Beta Kappa Hall Lab Theatre, a cast and crew

SECOND SEASON
PRODUCTIONS
ROUNDTABLE
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of 24 freshmen brought to life six one act plays last week. The night featured two hours of thoroughly enjoyable theater, directed, performed and in a few cases even written by members of the class of 06. When you think about it kids, two hours is a long time to hold an audience's attention.

Trevor Dreyfus and Kathryn Quaid got the ball rolling with a hilarious portrayal of two elderly ship passengers fumbling through "Lifeboat Drill." The couple begins to rehearse the procedure, each trying to prove to the other that old does not mean incapable. Abandoned by two randy stewards, Kevin Duke and Thao Nguyen, the two provided engaging banter and kept the piece moving with impressive skill and airtight timing. It's a major credit to director Meghan Shapiro that she was able to coax such delightful chemistry out of her actors.

The insertion of the light and carefree "A Birthday in Paris," after "Lifeboat" seemed trite at first, but proved a good preface to the somewhat heavier pieces to follow. Margo Dey kept this act going with amusing quips and an overactive imagination, and Andrew Miller punctuated the plot with his portrayal of the least threatening criminal ever.

"Siren Song," a true example of a screwball romance, was a piece that was not guaranteed to turn out as well as it did. Mixing



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(BACK, LEFT TO RIGHT): Jon Tew, Brian Sallade, Sean Faeth. (MIDDLE): Katie Quaid, Kevin Duke, Margo Dey, Thao Nguyen, Trevor Dreyfus. (FRONT): Andrea DiMola, Kate Petty, Jacqueline Lopacinski. The Roundtable presentation was directed, produced and in the case of one play, written by a student. The night featured six one-act plays ranging in subject matter and tone from dramatic to comedic.

suicide into flirty banter is no easy task, but Sean Faeth and Kate Petty deftly wove the two together and left the audience feeling a little wiser and oddly, a little happier. While the acting could not have been better handled, the fact that Roundtable included this piece

though was a brave move, as it dealt with a topic that has so recently touched the College. Kudos to those involved in "Siren Song," for it turned out to be a sensitive and insightful bit of drama, and seemed to promote understanding more than poke

fun. "Abortive" was the night's heaviest segment, a somewhat convoluted story of an abortion that revealed itself through a couple's dialogue while in bed on a rainy night. Walking a fine line between drama and melodrama

Rachel Manteuffel and on-stage hubby Jon Tew gave an admirable performance, with a professional feel for nuance and timing that kept the dialogue from being whiney.

After her performance, Manteuffel saw her own creation brought to the stage, the quirky "Mortal Coil." "Coil" was a commentary on the ups and downs of immortality, as handled by an old woman, her senile charge, a goldfish and a grocery delivery boy. Lukas Novak made the perfect philosopher disguised as the teenager next store with a natural, comfortable demeanor on stage that lent believability to what was otherwise completely random. Tristan LeJeune did much to infuse energy to the somewhat heavy subject matter as an immortal goldfish who added in quick witted commentary much to the delight of the audience.

Capping off the night was the comedic "Still Alarm" which was another testament to the directorial skills of Shapiro, this time aided by assistant director, Brooke Andersen. Dreyfus and Nguyen both returned to the stage, as did Duke, as did the steamy romance between Nguyen and Duke, inciting just as much laughter as before. Probably the funniest piece of the night, the Lab Theatre was kept in continuous laughter for nearly 10 minutes as the cast observed an approaching fire with ridiculous nonchalance. The facial expressions of Nguyen were the true gem of this piece, as when she regarded the approaching flames with only a slight nod and a quiet, "hmm."

Suffice it to say, the freshman class has much dramatic talent to offer over the next three years, and audiences will enjoy watching their maturation — but those who did not see Roundtable truly missed out.

Longwave set for success

By Kyle Meikle
Flat Hat Asst. Reviews Editor

Ever since the release of the Strokes's heralded 2001 debut "Is This It," a dozen or so bands have been accused of emulating the

ALBUM
"THE STRANGEST THINGS"
LONGWAVE
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namesake quintet's trademark sound. Acts from Interpol to the Libertines have all been readily likened to the group, blending disillusioned, distant vocals and mellowed, bouncy harmonies in the vein of long lost outfits like Joy Division and the Velvet Underground. While the claims have never hurt the supposed imitation bands, they also haven't really given them the credit they deserve.

Interpol, for example, would far more easily fit into the British New Wave scene of yesteryear than the garage-rock infestation of today's charts. Same goes for the Libertines, who probably only listened to the Underground's "Loaded" once or twice before ditching it for a Kinks LP instead.

And now comes Longwave, a New York quartet with shaggy hair cuts and a penchant for moody, saturated riffs. Sound familiar? It shouldn't. Even though Longwave opened for the Strokes on numerous tour dates (as well as for other current 'It' bands OKGO and the Donnas), it's not difficult to see why: after a 45-minute set full of diary-like laments and melancholic guitar wails, who wouldn't be pumped to hear the opening chords of "Last Nite"?

Nothing on "The Strangest

Things," Longwave's first major-label effort (they also released 2000's "Endsongs" on Luna Sea Records) even comes close to capturing the more mellow spirit of the Strokes's repertoire, but this isn't a bad thing by any means. Sure, there are definite traces of "Is This It" spattered through "Things"'s 12 tracks, most notably in the hyper chorus of "Everywhere You Turn" and the derivative "Pool Song," which sounds suspiciously like the Strokes's "When It Started." But besides lead singer Steve Schiltz's shoe-gazing vocals and a couple of garage-rocking jangled guitar solos and drum shifts, Longwave owes



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infinitely more to the likes of U2 than it does to its former tour mates, finding a tempo reminiscent of Bono's "Boy" fancies with a dash of mild electronica thrown in for a passably good show.

The thudding "Wake Me When It's Over" opens the album, establishing the group's deft blend of wistful wonderings with placid melodies, as Schiltz mopes, "all the things you knew before were/ not what they seem." The problem is, the song's plodding, lazy beat manages to find its way into just about

all of the album's subsequent 11 tracks. Sometimes this works, like in the floating "The Ghosts All Around You" or the depressive, introspective "Tidal Wave," but other times it falters slightly, like in the album's somnolent closer, "Day Sleeper."

Other times the band manages to mix it up just enough to get momentarily interesting, like in the jittery "All Sewn Up" and "Exit," which both benefit from frenetic, jumpy beats and measured vocals. The former shines from a mournful but heartfelt rollick of a chorus that cascades into a romantic plea, while the latter measures Schiltz's nuanced voice off a stream of off-kilter guitar yelps.

The album's eponymous track, "Strangest Things," however, suffers at the interference of producer Dave Fridmann, who seems to insist on imbuing the track with pleasant electronic blips and bells that might feel more at home on a Flaming Lips track (a band who he produces). It's funny then that one of the album's barest tracks, "Can't Feel a Thing," is most likely its best. The minute long

gem features muted strings cascading and disappearing into a burst of digital squiggles as Schlitz recites what sounds like a long lost Broadway anthem. It's a gorgeous and simple interlude to the otherwise pulsating album, but fades just as quickly as it comes.

A shame, perhaps, but it points to the undoubted promise Longwave shows for the future — as well as helps in separating the band from its predecessors. Not a brilliant bow, but one that bodes well for a career starter.

TALES OF OBSESSION

The 'Parrot Head' diary

I am sitting poolside on a sunny day of blissful tropical perfection, soaking up the Caribbean sun, sipping a margarita on a hot summer day.

JEFF HANDLER Or maybe I just feel that way, as I sit in water-logged Williamsburg on a wet April day, listening to the music that brought me to this equatorial paradise for the past 13 years — the music of the incomparable Jimmy Buffett.

As an impressionable six-year-old, I first became obsessed with Buffett while driving around with my brother Mike, a college freshman. I remember the first time my brother put in his latest Buffett cassette, "Songs You Know By Heart." Before the first track had ended, I was hooked. I don't know what it was that attracted me to Buffett's unique blend of country, reggae, bluegrass, calypso and rock, but I couldn't stop listening. It was infectious.

As such a young "Parrot Head" (the name given to Buffett's cult followers) I definitely wasn't completely aware of what I was listening to at the time. I still remember innocently asking my dad just what the lyrics "Why don't we get drunk and screw" meant, and his clever response, "Drinking milk and doing your homework." As I've grown older, however, I've begun to understand better the man who I've idolized since childhood, and my adoration for his music and his message has only grown.

I think what I have learned to love the most about Buffett is the fact that he doesn't care. His career has spanned more than 30 years, and he has never had a hit record. He never gets played on the radio, has never won any awards for his music, and he couldn't care less.

Buffett's long career has evolved over the years; however his overwhelming wit and love of love permeate all of his endeavors. He has not made money off any studio-contrived



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The mellow, light hearted Buffett continues to please fans of all generations. hits, or media ploys. Buffett sings about what he knows — about sailing adventures, one-night stands and all the things he has seen while traveling the world. He is a breath of fresh air from today's popular music. While the careers of most of today's wealthiest artists (a term used very loosely) would end the minute they lost their six-pack, Buffett's music is timeless.

Profile of the Obsessed:
Years of Obsession: 13
Favorite Buffett Album: "Changes in Latitude, Changes in Attitude"
Favorite Buffett Song: "The Weather is Here, Wish You Were Beautiful"
Most Prized Buffett Possession: Like any 13-year-old with a Jimmy Buffett-themed Bar Mitzvah, I had to invite him. I have his autographed invitation framed in my room.

Most Embarrassing Buffett Moment: There was a Buffett karaoke contest on a Boston radio station, and the right caller would have to do karaoke to any Buffett song in order to win tickets to a concert (tickets usually sell out in 20 minutes for his shows.) So I called, and I was the right caller, but I was so nervous, that I completely froze on air. They gave me the tickets anyway.

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SPORTS



Kansas City Royals lead division early on

I woke up bleary-eyed this morning and looked at the MLB standings. Had I slept for 20 years? Had I taken some bizarre Rip van Winkle-esque trip through a rift in time-space and been tossed into some alternate continuum? The Kansas City Royals lead their division by three-and-a-half games?

Someone named Hideki Matsui leads the New York Yankees in RBI? The Arizona Diamondbacks' Randy Johnson has no wins and an 8.31 ERA, and his sidekick Curt Schilling remains winless as well? Something is seriously wrong in baseball land.

Oh wait — never mind. We're only a dozen or so games into the season. I was scared there for a moment but there's nothing to worry about, at least not yet. Things will fall into place soon enough, probably starting with that Kansas City Royals thing. Or will they?

The Kansas City Royals, if all those young pitchers hold up, aren't actually that bad. There's just enough pop in their lineup to keep them competitive if the young guns like Jeremy Affeldt, Miguel Asencio and Runelvys Hernandez keep throwing well. As a Minnesota native (not by choice, I assure you) I have to root a little bit for the Twins every year, but as a fan I'm happy that the American League Central is getting interesting. Instead of two decent teams and three abysmal teams, there'll be three decent teams and two abysmal teams. Maybe by mid-season the AL Central will be the division all the contenders loathe to play, instead of the weakest division in baseball.

Hideki Matsui probably will be the American League rookie of the year. I know, I know — he's 28 and he played a ton of pro ball in Japan's Central League, but thanks to the screwy MLB rules he'll get rookie of the year honors. How do you say "loophole" in Japanese? Still, he looks like a hell of a ballplayer, professional experience or not. He's absolutely raking right now, leading the Yankees in RBI and holding his average above .300.

Matsui looks clutch, too, blasting a few game-winning homers over the first couple of weeks. I'm particularly impressed by his walk-to-strikeout ratio. If he can keep walking one-and-a-half times as often as he strikes out (great numbers for a slugger), he'll keep that on-base percentage nice and high all season long. But I don't think anyone's pitched him inside and hard, which is his weak spot according to some scouting reports, but he'll be all right. I wouldn't be surprised to see him go 30/120/300.

Randy Johnson and Curt Schilling will get it together and start winning games, but it won't do the Diamondbacks that much good. There's just no offense on this team. Luis Gonzalez is the only guy worth being afraid of in that lineup, and everyone else is either just okay, including Craig Counsell and Lyle Overbay, or getting ready to collect Social Security like Mark Grace and Matt Williams. If this team made any attempt to improve itself during the off-season, I didn't notice. Johnson and Schilling will win 20 games apiece, but it won't be because they're getting help from the rest of the team. Too bad the Diamondbacks can't pitch Johnson and Schilling once every three days, rather than once every five. Then they might have some sort of chance out in the National League West.

Anyway, if anyone's curious, I'm picking the New York Yankees to win the World Series — but then, isn't everyone?

James Mumper is a staff writer. He is now in some alternate continuum after traveling through a rift in time-space.

Tribe tennis holds 21-4 record

By Megan Syrett
Flat Hat Sports Editor

The 11th-ranked Tribe women's tennis squad ended play for the regular season by notching its 12th straight win. The women defeated the No. 33 University of Texas Longhorns 5-2 Sunday at the Penick-Allison Tennis Center. Overall, the College boasts a 21-4 record this season, the best regular season for the women's tennis program in College history.

The loss puts the Longhorns at 9-11 this season, with their ninth loss to a current top-25 team.

In doubles, the Tribe dropped three

matches to Texas. The 12th-ranked team of sophomores Kate Boomershine and Candice Fuchs fell to No. 32 Ziva Grasic and Kendra Strohm 8-5 in the top contest. In the second match, freshman Megan Muth and sophomore Amy Wei slipped to Kelly Baritot and Lindsay Blau 8-5. Senior Kari Olsen and Lingda Yang lost to Macey Breece and Michelle Krinke 8-6 at No. 3.

Although the women missed on earning the doubles point, they pulled together in the singles contests, winning five of six matches.

CAA Rookie of the Year candidate

Muth, currently ranked 78th in the nation, defeated Krinke 7-5, 6-4 at No. 2 to mark her 13th straight singles victory. On the fourth court, 122nd-ranked Wei won 7-5, 6-1 against Grasic to notch her 15th consecutive win. Senior Nina Kamp secured her 32nd win of the season by defeating Blau 7-6, 6-0 in the fifth contest. At No. 6, sophomore Lena Sherbakov improved her winning streak to seven matches when she faced Breece and won 6-2, 7-5. Boomershine garnered a win over Baritot 2-6, 6-2, 6-2 at No. 3.

The only loss in singles came in the first contest, where 27th-ranked Fuchs fell

to No. 74 Strohm 6-3, 2-6, 1-0 (10-1).

The women had played the No. 30 Texas A&M University Aggies Saturday at the Texas A&M Tennis Center, winning 4-3. The loss dropped the Aggies to 14-9 this season.

The Tribe opened the tournament by securing the doubles point with win at No. 1 and No. 3. The 12th-ranked duo of Boomershine and Fuchs combined to defeat No. 58 Jessica Roland and Roberta Spencer 8-3 on the first court. During the third contest, senior Kari

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A Tribe batter prepares himself for the pitch. The baseball team hosted a three-game series against the Virginia Commonwealth University Rams Saturday and Sunday at Plumeri Park.

Tribe hosts three games against Rams

By Kelly Buckley
The Flat Hat

Last weekend the Tribe hosted a three-game series against the Rams of Virginia Commonwealth University. Due to the weather conditions, the first game was rained out and moved to Saturday afternoon. At the end of the series, the Tribe bettered its conference record to 5-3 and 22-15 for the season.

Also this week, junior Chris Ray was awarded pitcher of the week by the CAA. Gaining his fifth win of the season, Ray managed to pitch an entire game for a two-hit shut out. Last week's CAA player of the week, senior outfielder Michael Brown has jumped into the national rankings in three different offensive statistics. Brown is now eighth in the country in batting average at .457, 14th in RBI's with 1.35 per game and is averaging 0.35 homeruns per game to rank 16th.

Both the Tribe and VCU remained scoreless through the third inning as VCU pitcher, Michael Leishman, seemed to be starting a no-

hitter sending W&M's first nine batters back to the dugout during last Sunday's game. In the bottom of the forth inning, however, the Tribe picked up the pace by pulling out a 3-0 lead. W&M managed to keep this lead for the next two innings, keeping all VCU threats just far enough from actually scoring.

In the top of the seventh, the Rams took control by capitalizing on two Tribe errors, each allowing two runs in making the score 4-3. The Tribe was not about to give up, responding in the bottom of the eighth by regaining the lead after freshman pinch runner Jeff Lunardi and junior outfielder Mitch Walk both scored. This would secure a lead of 5-4 for a Tribe victory.

Last Saturday's doubleheader was split between the two teams.

In the evening game, the Tribe stepped out on the field with enough confidence to take VCU on again after falling in the first game of

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Men's gymnastics travels to NCAAs

By Megan Syrett
Flat Hat Sports Editor

After competing in the NCAA Championship meet for the second consecutive year, the men's gymnastics squad placed 12th overall with 203.625 points. The meet was won by the University of Oklahoma with 222.600 points, followed by Ohio State University with 220.700 and Pennsylvania State University with 219.950.

During the first round the field of teams was divided into two groups of six, where the top three teams and top three individuals would advance to the second round of competition. The Tribe competed in the first session, against Ohio State, Penn State,

the University of Iowa, Stanford University and the University of Minnesota.

The first event for the men was the high bars, where senior co-captain Mike Spies led the team with an 8.500.

Junior Alan Palesko came in next with an 8.325, followed by 8.300s from both junior all-arounder Jamie Northrup and freshman Matt Elson.

"Our first two guys on high bar, Mike Spies and Alan Palesko, did a really good job," Head Coach Cliff Gauthier said.

The top event for the men was the parallel bars, where freshman Ramon Jackson notched an 8.800 to advance him to the second round of competition as an individual in the event. Jackson tied for 22nd place after hitting another 8.800 in Round Two.

"The fact that Ramon Jackson advanced as a freshman is great," Gauthier said.

Other strong performances on

the parallel bars came from senior all-arounder and co-captain Pat Fitzgerald with a mark of 8.400 and junior Matt Roosevelt with an 8.300.

"We did the best on parallel bars overall," Gauthier said. "For what we could do I think that's the event we did best on."

On the vault, W&M was led by graduate student Paul DiPalma's mark of 9.200, which narrowly kept him from qualifying in the event as an individual.

Next up was freshman Owen Nicholls, with a score of 9.050. Northrup, Elson and Spies each contributed an 8.800 on the vault. Overall, the team hit a score of 35.850 on the event.

"O w e n Nicholls did a really good vault for us," Gauthier said. "He stuck a real good vault."

On the pommel horse, junior Mike Powell led the team with an 8.250. Next up for the College were Northrup and Nicholls with 8.150s.

"Mike Powell was our top scorer on the pommel horse," Gauthier said. "He stepped up really well for us."

During the floor exercise competition, both Fitzgerald and DiPalma turned in 8.500s, and missed advancing to the second round by only .100 of a point. Jackson also hit an 8.450 on the floor exercise.

On the rings, Northrup garnered a 9.150, as Fitzgerald turned in an 8.450 and Jackson hit an 8.300. The Tribe scored 34.200 on the rings overall as a team.

In the all-around competition,

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Lacrosse wins against Drexel at home, 18-8

By Lauren Williams and Sherman Patrick
The Flat Hat

One game removed from scoring a season high 18 goals in a winning effort over Drexel University on Sunday, the W&M women's lacrosse squad ran into a defensive juggernaut at top-ranked Greyhounds of Loyola College, who delivered the Tribe a 12-2 defeat this afternoon in Baltimore, MD. The loss puts W&M at 2-13 this season.

The Greyhounds out shot the Tribe 29-11 in the contest and limited the College to a season low goal total.

Loyola used a nine-goal opening half to establish what would be an insurmountable lead. The Greyhound's All-American Suzanne Eyler did most of the damage, as she tallied all three of her goals in the game in the opening half.

The second half was much less one-sided, as the Tribe played extremely competitively, using goals by junior attacker Lauren Work and junior midfielder and co-captain Nicole Lewis to hang with one of the nation's premier teams. W&M's defense, anchored by freshman goalkeeper Kit Turnbaugh turned in a solid final 30 minutes, allowing only three scores. Turnbaugh ended the afternoon with 10 saves after facing 29 shots.

Junior midfielder Aimee Duffy was also solid on the defensive end, as she led the team with both three ground balls and caused three turnovers.

In the Tribe's home game Sunday they were able to secure their second victory. Senior midfielder Allison Evans, senior defender Jen Cully and senior attacker Julie Scarchio each had strong games to cap their careers on

Busch field. Evans contributed three goals, three assists, three ground balls, three draw controls and three caused turnovers. Cully performed great on the defensive end as she had three caused turnovers and two ground balls. Scarchio had arguably her best game of the season as she garnered a season high of three goals and four ground balls.

Establishing team season highs in goals and ground balls was Work with seven goals and junior attacker Kelly McQuade with eight ground balls.

The game started out well for the Tribe as they went on a 3-0 run in the first three minutes of the game. The next eight minutes was unlike the rest of the game as the Dragons notched two goals. Over the next 20 minutes the Tribe started a renewed offensive that was relentless as the Tribe outscored the Dragons 9-3. At the end of the half, the Tribe had a commanding lead at 12-5.

A minute into the half the momentum seemed to have switched as the Dragons quickly scored a goal. But that goal proved to be an anomaly. For the next 15 minutes, the Tribe was completely dominant, as they scored the next five goals. With the score at 17-6, there was a small chance of a victory for the Dragons. The Tribe used the last 15 minutes to stave off attacks by the Dragons.

In the net, sophomore goalkeeper Sydney Richards and Turnbaugh recorded three and two saves, respectively.

The Tribe was defeated by the University of Delaware in a close match by a score of 17-13 at Busch Field last

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Senior midfielder Allison Evans is attacked by an opponent during last Friday's game against the University of Delaware.

Women’s track takes fifth at UVa. Lou Onesty Invitational

By Laura Hansen

The Flat Hat

The Tribe women’s outdoor track and field team competed at the Lou Onesty/Milton G. Abramson Invitation, held on Lannigan field at the University of Virginia, placing fifth with 55 points. The meet, which featured 16 teams from the area, was won by UVa. with 191 points.

Only a few select women attended the meet, however, as Head Coach Pat Van Rossum decided to rest some of the team’s top middle and long distance runners in preparations for the upcoming CAA Championships. Other top placing schools included Duquesne University in second with 73 points, and Georgetown University and Monmouth University tying for third, each having scored 59 points.

The highlight of the meet came from freshman Bonnie Meekins, who took top honors in the high jump, clearing 5 feet, 8

3/4 inches. Meekins qualified not only for the ECAC Championships, but also the NCAA Regional Championships.

“It was her highest jump in about a year,” Van Rossum said. “I was happy to see her step up and do a good job.”

In the pole vault, senior Jenn Barnes and junior Charlotte LeRoche vaulted over the 11’0” mark, tying in Tribe history for the third-best performance.

Senior Jenn Barnes earned third place, while junior Charlotte LaRoche placed seventh, due to earlier misses. For LaRoche, it was her first time clearing a height since having ankle surgery earlier this year.

Sophomore Naomi Mattos scored a personal best in the 400-meter run, placing second in a time of 56.59 seconds. Mattos’s time was just shy of an ECAC-qualifying mark, but stands as the third-fastest performance in Tribe history.

Van Rossum noted that Mattos was not in the fastest final heat of the 400; she broke open in the second fastest heat, but still took second despite lack of competi-

tion in her heat.

“She’s ready to run a lot faster and she said she feels good,” Van Rossum said.

The 4x100 relay, which included sophomore Kara Snyder, senior Alarice Cesareo, Mattos and freshman Kelly

Knight, placed third in a time of 48.41, which was only slightly more than what the team ran at the Colonial Relays.

Snyder also placed fourth in the 100 hurdles, finishing in a time of 14.90 seconds.

Sophomore Ayanna Jones placed high in three of the throwing events: second in the discus, with a mark of 133’8”; fifth in the shot put, after throwing 42’10.85”; and sixth in the hammer, reaching 132’7”. Her discus toss was close to her personal best.

“The competition was pretty tough and she had a pretty good day,” Van Rossum said. “It was a good tune-up for the conference meet. We’ll do our best to defend our championship. This is the best track and field team we’ve ever had.”

The Tribe will face teams such as James Madison University and George Mason University at the CAA Championships.



COURTESY PHOTO • Bob Keroack
The women’s outdoor track and field team will try for its third straight CAA title this weekend.



COURTESY PHOTO • Justin Palmer
Junior Andrew Mangan throws to freshman Scott Minner during last weekend’s 7-0 Blue Ridge Sectional Tournament sweep.

CLUBHOUSE

■ Ultimate wins Sectionals

Over the past weekend, W&M men’s Ultimate Frisbee team traveled to Charlottesville, Va., to participate in the Blue Ridge Sectional Tournament. Facing strong teams from schools such as the University of Richmond, University of Tennessee and the University of Virginia, the team went 7-0 and claimed the Sectional title for the second time in three years.

The Sectional Tournament was scheduled to take place in Richmond, but was relocated to a farm outside of Charlottesville due to inclement weather.

During the finals, the men competed for the Sectional title against a UVa. team for the second straight year. Last year, the Tribe held a large lead over UVa. in the finals, only to see it and the Sectional title slip away, but this year the men vowed that they would not let up.

Both teams came out strong with the Tribe securing a four-point lead, but Uva. refused to lie down, scoring three straight to bring the score to 14-13. With echoes of last year’s loss bouncing around their heads, the College called a timeout to rest and regroup. With a fresh offensive team on the field, W&M worked the disc down the field and scored to claim the Sectional title.

After remaining undefeated

Saturday, the team earned the first-seed in the winners bracket Sunday. Their first game was against the eighth seed Radford University. Underestimating their opponents, the Tribe began the game slowly. Radford kept the score close until halftime, when the W&M men stepped up their intensity to win the game at 15-8. In the semis, W&M faced sectional powerhouse Tennessee group, winning the game 15-8.

As the number-one seed in the tournament, the W&M men shutout Tennessee’s B team 13-0 Saturday. In the next game Mary Washington University hung with W&M for awhile, but lost 13-8. After a bye, the team was refreshed and shut out the Uva. B team. Lastly, the team faced JMU, winning 13-1 to give the squad 4-0 record, having allowed only a low nine points all day.

The top four finishers in the 13-team tournament earn a bid to the Mid-Atlantic Regional Tournament where they play for the right to participate in the National College Championship Tournament in Austin, Texas. The Tribe is attempting to make the trip to Nationals for the second consecutive year.

The win gives the Tribe a berth at the Regional Tournament, held April 26 in Statesboro, Ga.

—Submitted by Justin Palmer.

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Northrup placed sixth overall with a total of 50.950 points. Fitzgerald turned in 48.400 points in the all-around competition.

“We ended up where we expected to be,” Gauthier said. “We had hoped to move up but we didn’t have a really good meet.”

The Tribe will compete at the USGA Collegiate Championship meet in Denton, TX today and tomorrow at 7 p.m. Teams including the United States Military Academy, the United States Air Force Academy, Springfield College and the United States Naval Academy will be in attendance. The top competitor for the College will be Army, who had previously battled the Tribe for a bid to NCAAs and lost.

“This is kind of the grudge match against Army,” Gauthier said.

LACROSSE

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Friday. Delaware started strong scoring four goals before McQuade was able to score the Tribe’s first goal with 19:46 remaining in the half. After another goal by Delaware, freshman midfielder Morgan Lang and sophomore midfielder Morgan Watkins scored the next two goals to slim the margin of difference to two. The Delaware Blue Hens struck back, with a three-goal run to put the score at 8-3. The half ended with Delaware up 9-5. Though

Evans tried to create momentum for the team with her early second half goal, it was not successful. The Blue Hens outscored the Tribe 4-1 and established a lead of 14-7 with 19 minutes left in the game. The Tribe then tried to up the score with a two goal effort from Evans coupled with three goals from Lang. It was too late in the game to stop a Delaware victory.

Evans rounded out the day with four scores while Lang and Work each had three. Watkins contributed two goals, an assist, and led the team with four ground balls.

The last game for the Tribe will be Monday at Towson University at 3 p.m.

TENNIS

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Olsen and freshman Lingda Lang won against Danielle Lee and Nicki Mechem 8-6.

In the singles matches, the Tribe garnered wins at No. 2, No. 5 and No. 6. Sherbakov led the team, defeating Seva Iwinski 6-2, 6-3 on the sixth court. In the second con-

test, Muth won against Hedberg 6-4, 7-6 (4). The final victory for the team was one by Wei, who defeated Mechem 2-6, 6-2, 6-3.

The women will compete this weekend at the CAA Tournament, set to be held at Byrd Park in Richmond, Va. In the event of rain, the tournament will be relocated to the McCormack-Nagelesen Tennis Center in Williamsburg.

“We’re very excited to defend our CAA Championship for a couple of reasons,” Head Coach Brian

Kalbas said. “You get an automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament, but it’s also a rare opportunity for any team to have the chance to win a championship. The team and I take great pride in winning the conference title and to bring another championship home to William and Mary. We have had great success in the past and I look forward to the opportunity to achieve more success this time around.”

The women will be the top seed at the CAA Tournament.

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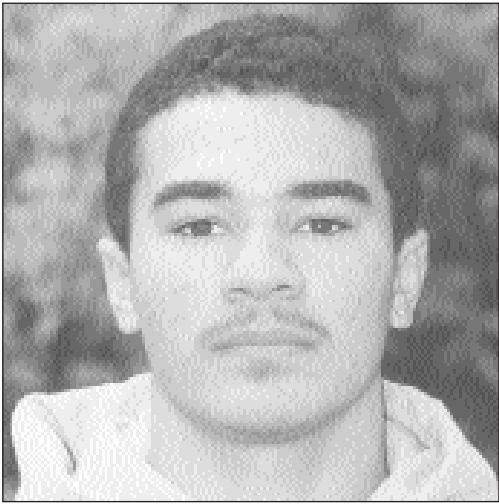
the day. Ray was able to lead the Tribe defensively game by allowing only two hits and one walk, allowing none to score. Thanks to an error by VCU shortstop Paul Swak, freshman infielder Chris Rahl was able to score in the first inning. W&M would score again in the bottom of the fourth. The game ended in the middle of the seventh inning with a 2-0 win for the Tribe.

The first game was dominated by VCU as they scored anywhere from one to four runs in all but two innings. The Tribe remained scoreless until the bottom of the fifth inning when they were able to pick up one run out of Walk’s fifth home-run of the season, taking the score to 8-1. This would be W&M’s only run of the game, which ended in a crushing 16-1 victory for the Rams.

Next up for the Tribe is an away series against the Old Dominion University Monarchs, which begins tonight at 7 p.m. at Bud Metheny Complex in Norfolk, Va.

Athletes of the Week

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Ramon Jackson
Men’s gymnastics

Freshman Ramon Jackson helped the Tribe finish the season this past weekend at the NCAA championships held at Temple University. His performance in the parallel bars gave him a spot in the individual event championships. His score of 8.800 placed him among the top three qualifiers in the event. Jackson was the only member of the Tribe to qualify for the Saturday finals.



Allison Evans
Lacrosse

Senior captain Allison Evans helped the Tribe to an 18-8 victory over Drexel University this past weekend. She provided an assist on the Tribe’s 3rd goal less than three minutes into the game. Her consistent play continued as she went on to score six points in the game. She finished with both three assists and three goals for the match, giving her 28 goals this season.

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Men’s track prepares for CAA meet

By Sherman Patrick
Flat Hat Asst. Sports Editor

The Tribe men’s track and field team competed with a limited squad and placed 16th at Lou Onesty/Milton G. Abramson Invitational, hosted by the University of Virginia last Saturday. The meet, held at Lannigan Field on UVa.’s campus hosted to 20 teams from the region. Most Tribe runners took the weekend off as the team continues to prepare for next week’s CAA Championships.

The University of Virginia finished first in the event with a score of 148 points. Monmouth University placed second with 90 points, while Maryland Baltimore County and Howard University tied for third with 56 points. The Tribe tallied 13 points throughout the meet for its 16th-place finish.

In the throwing events, sophomore Nick Hecker-Thompson placed fifth in the discus with a mark of 143 feet, 11 inches and 10th in the shot with a throw of 45’3 1/2”. Sophomore Andy Smith finished sixth in the javelin with a distance of 187’7”.

Freshman Noah Gabriel-Landis placed eighth in the triple jump, reaching 41’11 1/2”. Senior Scott Moorhead was the 10th-place finisher in the 400-meter hurdles, finishing in 56.41 seconds. Also placing 10th, senior Curtis Smith leaped for 20’9 1/2” in the long jump.

The men’s track and field program will compete in the CAA

Championships April 18 and 19 at Sports Backers Stadium in Richmond, Va.

“As a team and a coaching staff, we’re very excited about the CAA Championships this weekend,” Head Coach Andrew Gerard said. “We have a good crew of experienced guys, everyone is healthy and we’ve enjoyed a good couple of meets, competitively, leading up to this meet. We’ve got good depth and our headliners are really performing well in their various events. Our goal this weekend, as a team, is to maximize what each individual accomplishes from a straight performance standpoint, to compete well against whoever challenges us and to support all of our team members as they compete.”

Although the Tribe has not claimed a conference title since 1993, the College has been the runner-up in the CAA Championships eight of the last nine years. In the smallest margin between the first and second place teams in the history of the CAA men’s track and field championships, the Tribe placed second to the University of North Carolina—Wilmington last season. UNC—W tallied 174.5 points, while the Tribe scored 164 points.

W&M will return with all five of its conference champions for the 2003 season. Senior Phil Agee broke the conference record in the decathlon with 6,457 points. In the throwing events, junior Chris Parsons won the shot, achieving a



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The men’s track team hands-off during Colonial Relays April 4 and 5. Friday through Sunday the Tribe will participate in the CAA Tournament.

distance of 50’7.25”, while sophomore Andy Smith took top honors in the javelin with a mark of 188’5”. In the running events, senior John O’Connor was the 2002 conference champion in the 1,500 with a time of 3:47.71 and senior Jacob Frey was the top finisher in the 5,000 in a time of 14:50.32.

Other returning all-conference honorees from 2002 include senior Sean Conway, junior Brendan Gaffney, senior Michael Keeling, sophomore Aaron Mitchell, senior Scott Moorhead, junior Adam Otstot and senior Curtis Smith.

Concluding the indoor season, the W&M men’s track and field squad placed 20th at the IC4A Championships, as two individuals and one relay were awarded All-East honors. Entering the champi-

onship portion of the outdoor season, four athletes have achieved NCAA Regional qualifying standards and hope to qualify for June’s NCAA Championships. Senior Sean Graham is eligible to compete in both the 1,500 and the 5,000 at the NCAA Regional Championships while seniors Ed Moran and O’Connor have qualified to compete in the 5,000 and the 1,500, respectively. Andy Smith has qualified for the NCAA Regionals in the javelin. Additionally, 10 athletes have already qualified for May’s IC4A Championships.

Tribe women’s golf finishes sixth

By Erin Caro
Flat Hat Staff Writer

The women’s golf team competed Sunday in the Bonnie Hoover Invitational golf tournament. A field of 17 teams competed at the par-72 Lakeview Golf Course in Harrisonburg, Va. After the three rounds, the team had a combined score of 961 strokes to take sixth place overall. James Madison University took first at their home tournament with 935 strokes.

The team’s two seniors, Lindsey Sims and Ann Schnell, took the top places for the Tribe. Sims finished ninth overall, with a score of 236. Her second-round total was 158, while she played 78 on the final for her impressive finish. Just one stroke behind was Schnell, who scored 81-78-78 for a total of 237. Her superior strategy earned her 10th position in the tournament, making the senior’s contributions in one of their last games valuable to the Tribe’s exceptional ranking.

Also important to the team’s success were the strong showings of underclassmen. Junior Lindsey Wagner placed 19th overall with a score of 241, just a few strokes behind the group’s leaders. Sophomore Alex Hill played 247 for the three rounds for a position of 35th. Freshman Gwen Brink displayed her developing skills with a solid finish at 256 strokes for the invitational. Two women represented W&M at the tournament, playing as individuals.

Freshmen Sayde Murray and Panipa Jinphiphadhana placed 40th and 76th, respectively.

The team will have one more competition before the end of the semester. The tournament will take place at the Salisbury Country Club in Midlothian, Va. April 20 to 22.

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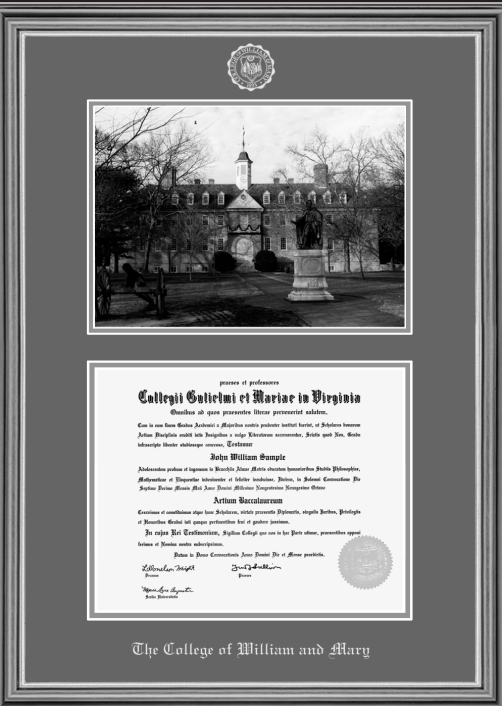
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